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| Sunday April 5 for 1 day | SCARFACE | A | Ann Dvorak, Paul Muni, George Raft |
| | Sky Devils | U | Spencer Tracy |
| Monday April 6 for 3 days | BAD LANDS OF DAKOTA | U | Robert Stack, Ann Rutherford |
| | CHARLIE CHAN IN RIO | A | Sidney Toler, Mary Beth Hughes |
| Thursday April 9 for 3 days | SUN VALLEY SERENADE | U | Sonja Henie, John Payne |
| | Riders of the Purple Sage | U | George Montgomery, Mary Howard |
| Sunday April 12 for 1 day | ESCAPE TO GLORY | A | Pat O'Brien, Constance Bennett |
| | Girl From Rio | U | Movita, Warren Hull |
| Monday April 13 for 3 days | GREAT GUNS | U | Stan Laurel, Oliver Hardy |
| | MAN AT LARGE | A | Marjorie Weaver, George Reeves |
| Thursday April 16 for 3 days | SULLIVAN'S TRAVELS | A | Joel McCrea, Veronica Lake |
| | DRESSED TO KILL | A | Lloyd Nolan, Mary Beth Hughes |
| Sunday April 19 for 1 day | THE NAVY STEPS OUT | U | George Murphy, Lucille Ball |
| | The Gay Caballero | U | Cesar Romero, Sheila Ryan, Chris Pin Martin |
| Monday April 20 for 3 days | BELLE STARR | A | Randolph Scott, Gene Tierney |
| | Moon Over Her Shoulder | U | Lynn Bari, John Sutton |
| Thursday April 23 for 3 days | MARRIED BACHELOR | A | Robert Young, Ruth Hussey |
| | Marry the Boss's Daughter | U | Brenda Joyce, Bruce Edwards |
| Sunday April 26 for 1 day | INSPECTOR HORNLEIGH GOES TO IT | U | Gordon Harker, Alistair Sim |
| | Play Girl | A | Kay Francis, James Ellison |
| Monday April 27 for 3 days | THE MONSTER AND THE GIRL | H | Ellen Drew, Robert Paige, Paul Lucas |
| | MODEL WIFE | A | Joan Blondell, Dick Powell, Charles Ruggles |
| Thursday April 30 for 3 days | BLOOD AND SAND | A | Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell, Rita Hayworth |
| | Full Supporting Programme | | |

## EASTER EXTENSIONS

### MAGISTRATES' TRIBUTE TO LICENSEES

Although no application was made last year, Ramsgate magistrates on Monday granted an extension of the permitted hours by one hour—until 11 p.m.—on Thursday, Saturday and Easter Monday.

Announcing the decision of the bench, the Chairman (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) said: "In view of the splendid way licensees have conducted their houses the magistrates will always be tolerant on occasions of this kind, so long as it is not abused. I do not think it will be."

Mr. A. R. Young made the application on behalf of 50 licensed houses and clubs and in all extensions were granted in respect of 57 premises.

When Mr. Young had made his application Mr. C. J. Fells, one of the magistrates, asked: "Is the reason for the application the influx of visitors into the town?"

Mr. Young: It depends upon what you call visitors.

Mr. Fells: You are expecting visitors to come into the town?

Chief Inspr. Butcher said normal visitors would not be allowed into the town. The police were not opposing the application. No application for similar facilities was made last year but one was made and granted the previous year.

**The Rural Areas.**

At a special sitting of the county justices at Ramsgate on Monday similar facilities were granted in respect of seven licensed houses at Minster, Monkton and St. Nicholas.

The application, which was not opposed by the police, was made by Mr. Young.

The Chairman (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) said he was pleased to see the licensed victuallers getting the privilege. He had noticed how well they were conducting their houses and he was sure any little relaxation would not be abused.

**Broadstairs in Line.**

The Cinque Ports magistrates, at Margate on Monday, granted a similar application made by Mr. A. Finch on behalf of 14 licensed victuallers in Broadstairs and St. Peter's.

## SUNDAY CINEMAS

### EARLIER OPENING OPPOSED

**Ramsgate Town Council have received applications from the local cinema proprietors for the Sunday opening hours to be fixed in future from 3 till 9 p.m. "owing to a demand for this service by members of H.M. Forces."**

For the past 12 months the Sunday opening hour, originally fixed at 8 p.m., has, owing to war conditions, been varied to 7 p.m. for the summer period and 6 p.m. for the non-summer period, on the understanding that one performance only is given.

At the meeting of the Council on Thursday the Watch Committee, which considered the applications for 3 o'clock opening, will recommend that the Sunday opening hour shall remain for the time being at 6 p.m. and subject to the condition that one performance only is given.

## GREAT SACRIFICE

### VICAR CALLS FOR NEW SPIRIT

"It is for the nation, the town, the individual to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds," declared the Vicar (Rev. D. V. Beckingham) at a service in connection with the National Day of Prayer at St. John's Church, Margate, on Sunday.

Referring to the flood of ill-informed and often malicious criticism of the war effort, the Vicar said there was nothing to be ashamed of in the gallantry of the Malta defence, yet how many who acclaimed Gen. MacArthur, as he should most rightly be acclaimed, even knew the name of the general defending that keystone in the Mediterranean month after month? The bravery and skill of the men who went down to the sea in ships was equal and surpassed anything in past history, while the charge of the Light Brigade had been shown to them again in the attack of the Swordfish aircraft on the German battleships.

The long pause in any aggressive attack on this country, the severity of the long winter, and the feeling of frustration that they could not do more, had tended to depress and lower them.

"Instead of the enthusiasm for public service and the willing sacrifice which was so evident here in the days of Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain," said the Vicar, "the conversation is dealing so much more with the things we can get rather than the things we can give, the relative merits of A.R.P. and the National Fire Service, whether we are getting all we should for a bit of fire watching. Why, even in the official pronouncement of what is to be done when the enemy is at the gates, we are told that no one will be expected to lend a hand or dig a trench without adequate payment. Surely this is all wrong? No one can tell what may lie immediately ahead but before we are rid of our powerful, successful and ruthless foes, it is going to cost us a great sacrifice. We shall never drift into peace.

"It is for the nation, the town, the individual to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, so that God's will may be done following the example of His patience, His sacrifice, His courage, and then just as surely as the victory of the resurrection, the things of God will triumph again against the terrors and wickedness which have been let loose among men."

## SAVING PETROL

### RAMSGATE C.D. FIGURES

The monthly return of the consumption of petrol made to the Petroleum Board by the Town Clerk of Ramsgate, Mr. H. G. Curtis, covers all vehicles owned by the Council, totalling 71, and includes 50 cars owned or under the control of the Civil Defence Committee, but does not include the police cars, for which a separate procedure has been prescribed by the Petroleum Board.

A summary for the month of February of petrol used by the C.D. and allied services prepared by the C.D. Committee for presentation to the Council on Thursday shows that 50 cars travelled 3,435 miles and consumed 542 gallons.

In May, 1941, the Petroleum Board asked for a cut in consumption of at least 10 per cent. So far as Ramsgate C.D. services are concerned a much greater cut has been made and sustained. For certain months it was equal to a reduction of 32 per cent. and for the last nine months the average monthly reduction has been 22 per cent. as compared with the average figures for February, March and April, 1941.

## BLACK-OUT TIMES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To-day | ... 8.0 p.m. | —6.8 a.m. |
| Wednesday | . 8.1 p.m. | —6.6 a.m. |
| Thursday | ... 8.2 p.m. | —6.4 a.m. |
| Friday | ... 8.4 p.m. | —6.1 a.m. |
| Saturday | ... 8.5 p.m. | —6.59 a.m. |
| Sunday | ... 9.7 p.m. | —6.56 a.m. |
| Monday | ... 9.9 p.m. | —6.54 a.m. |
| Tuesday | ... 9.11 p.m. | —6.52 a.m. |

## RAMSGATE SPECIALS

### CHIEF CONSTABLE'S TRIBUTE

An appeal for more men to come forward and join the Special Constabulary was made by the Chief Constable of Ramsgate (Mr. S. F. Butler) at a social evening at St. Lawrence Parish Hall on Friday.

The social was arranged by the members of the Mobile Section of the Special Constabulary as their "swan song," for the section will shortly have to be disbanded owing to the number of members being called up for military service.

Members of the regular force, first police reserves, war reserves and specials, together with their wives and friends, spent a most enjoyable evening.

Inspr. Morrison, who is in charge of the Mobile Section, welcoming the guests, explained that the section would shortly have to be disbanded owing to loss of members and paid a high tribute to the Chief Constable and members of the regular force for the assistance which had always been afforded them in their duty. When the war was over they would, fortunately, forget the unpleasant experiences and remember only the happy times. One of their happiest recollections in the days to come would be their association with and the comradeship they met in their relations with the police service in Ramsgate.

The Chief Constable said he felt he must attend the social not only to pay his tribute to the mobile section but the specials in general. The membership of the Special Constabulary had been considerably reduced through various causes since the war, the primary reasons being evacuation and members being called up for military service. At the present time they were not up to the strength they would like to be.

Quite recently, continued Mr. Butler, the Government decided that special constables and voluntary members of the Civil Defence Services could be compelled to perform duties which were considered necessary. For this reason people performing duties might not find it possible to please themselves so much as they had been able to in the past. There was no disadvantage in that, and many members would welcome it. There was an excellent spirit in the Special Constabulary and there had been no slackness.

Mr. Butler said he wished to appeal to those friends of theirs who would have to take on some voluntary work to join the Special Constabulary. Otherwise they might find they would be compelled to join the service, whether they wanted to or not. It would be far better if they joined voluntarily for it meant that a better spirit prevailed than if compulsion were applied. Compulsion did not increase the esprit de corps of a body.

**Silent Services.**

The Special Constabulary had functioned very well indeed. The duties were among the "silent services," for their work could not often be talked about. But it was none the less appreciated. He recalled the excellent work which the specials did in connection with the evacuation of the troops from Dunkirk and the rescue of survivors from ships sunk in the Channel by mines. The mobile section had carried out patrols by day and night. Identity cards had been checked by specials at the railway station and on roads and they carried out splendid work in connection with the immobilisation of motor vehicles. They also found all the motor vehicles which had been left locked up in the town and took the necessary action. They had played a most important part in helping the police in their work.

It might be that some considered the training had been a little too intensive. But on the other hand he thought they would agree that the members should have as much knowledge of police work as possible. He made no apology for the lectures which had been given in order to instruct them in their duties. He was happy to think that in Ramsgate the standard attained by members was equal to any other part of the country, and beyond that of many places.

Many members of the Special Constabulary, said the Chief Constable, had performed over 1,000 hours duty. Some had 1,500 hours to their credit and one had 1,600 hours. They would be surprised at the amount of duty which had been performed by them.

**Mobile Section's Swan Song.**

For the mobile section, that evening was its "swan song." A number of members were likely to be called up in connection with war service and they greatly regretted that it would not be possible much longer to continue the section. He wished to pay a tribute to the members of the section and to say how much their work had been appreciated.

He appreciated how much of the time of the members of the Special Constabulary was taken up with their businesses and for that reason he was the more grateful to them for the time they had devoted to their duties. With regard to the future, it might be necessary for some rearrangement, and he hoped they would be enabled to carry out their duties with as little hindrance as possible to their businesses.

After referring to the presence of Mr. Hugh Perry, who was a member of the Special Constabulary during the last war, the Chief Constable said the specials were a very happy band of fellows. They might more aptly be looked upon as a club, and many looked upon it as a kind of club. It was reflected in the cordiality with which they co-operated with the members of the permanent force.

**Kept Up Morale.**

"Ramsgate owes a great deal to the Special Constabulary for the help they have given," said the Chief Constable. "You have helped to keep up the morale of the town, and the town should be grateful to you. As Chief Constable, I personally am very grateful to you."

On behalf of the Special Constabulary Cmdt. W. W. Lance Almond thanked the Chief Constable for the consideration he had always shown to the members, and also thanked the mobile section for arranging such a pleasant evening.

Councillor W. L. Knibbs, vice-chairman of the Watch Committee, himself an old police officer, also thanked the section.

M.C. for the evening was Mr. Reg Attwell. Proceedings opened with a whist drive, at which the winners were Mrs. Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. French, Mr. H. J. Perry, Inspr. D. C. Hogwood and Mrs. Attwell.

In a local knowledge test the "regulars" beat the specials and the entertainment programme included "I Want to be an Actor," and individual numbers by Mr. H. V. Betts and Mr. Eddie Butcher.

## DELIVERY OF GOODS

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## WAR TIME EMERGENCY

## RESTRICTION OF MEAT DELIVERIES

ON AND AFTER **MONDAY, 30th MARCH, 1942,** THERE WILL BE NO RETAIL DELIVERIES OF MEAT IN THE TOWN OF RAMSGATE.

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## MISSING IN MALAYA

### RAMSGATE SOLDIER'S LAST MESSAGE

The day before their eldest son, L/Bdr. Wilfred R. Beer, R.A., celebrated his 20th birthday, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Beer, of 3 Hertford-street, Ramsgate, received a message from the War Office stating that he was missing following the fall of Malaya.

There is every hope that L/Bdr. Beer is safe, although probably a prisoner of war.

He was known to be in Malaya but Mrs. Beer received a birthday cablegram from her son dated 12th February from Singapore which read "Loving birthday greetings. Best wishes and good health. Fondest love." Three days later Singapore fell.

It was on 4th March that Mr. and Mrs. Beer received news that their son was missing.

The young soldier, an old boy of St. Augustine's School, joined The Buffs (T.A.) at the age of 16. He was mobilised with his regiment shortly before the outbreak of war but was later transferred to the Royal Artillery. He was drafted to the Far East shortly after his 19th birthday.

Before the war L/Bdr. Beer, who is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. S. Prett, steward and stewardess at Ramsgate Oddfellows' Club, was an assistant at the Home and Colonial Stores, High-street, Ramsgate.

## CHATHAM HOUSE LOSSES

### OLD RUYMIAN CASUALTIES

The growing toll of war among old boys of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, is regretfully recorded in the fifth casualty list published in "Old Ruymian Notes."

Sgt. Plt. A. Poupard, R.A.F., was reported missing in September and since then his parents have been notified that he and the four other members of the plane of which he was captain have lost their lives. While on a previous flight to Germany in June, Poupard's bomber crashed into the North Sea but the crew were rescued from their dinghy a few hours later.

Also under the heading "Killed on Active Service" appears the name of Capt. G. C. Bates, of the Merchant Navy.

"Missing, believed killed on active service," is P/O Writer S. F. Ashby, R.N. Employed by a Smithfield firm after he left school, he joined the Navy at the age of 19 and had been on service for several months in the Mediterranean area.

Previously reported missing, now presumed lost, are Ord./Teleg. S. F. Cole, R.N., who had been on the missing list for nearly a year, and Sgt. C. A. F. Thomas, R.A.F., who is reported to have been buried in the cemetery at Delden, North Holland.

Sgt./W.O/Air Gnr. B. S. Gray, R.A.F., has been missing in the Middle East since mid-December, and L/Cpl. R. L. Lithauer, R.C.S., has been missing since the fall of Hong Kong, where he had been stationed for a year before the outbreak of the war. Also reported missing is L/Cpl. A. W. C. Poupard, R.A.O.C.

The capture of Marine D. C. W. Kup, R.M., has brought the number of Old Ruymians known to be prisoners of war to 17.

## DOUBLE SUMMER TIME

**Double Summer Time begins on Sunday next.**

**Remember, therefore, when you wind the clocks before going to bed on *Saturday* night to put them *forward* another hour.**

**Remember, too, that black-out time will begin and end later from Sunday onwards.**

## FALSE PRETENCES CHARGE

### HARD LABOUR FOR RAMSGATE YOUTH

A 20-year-old Ramsgate youth, who admitted three charges of obtaining money by false pretences, was sentenced to a month's hard labour by Ramsgate magistrates on Friday.

He was John Ellis, unemployed, of Hardres-street, and he was charged with obtaining the sum of 4s. 6d. by false pretences from Masita Williams on 21st March.

D/C Hopper said that following enquiries a warrant for defendant's arrest was issued and he saw him detained at the police station the previous Tuesday. After being charged and cautioned he made a statement.

In the statement, read by the officer, Ellis said that on 20th March he was going up Station Approach-road when he met a man who worked on the railway. He did not know his name or where he lived but he asked him if he still kept rabbits. He said he didn't but would like to get hold of some. He said he lived in Norman-road and if he (Ellis) would call up and see him he would give him the money to get some rabbits for him. On 21st March he went to the back of Norman-road and saw a woman in the back garden of one of the houses. He said he had come for the money to buy her husband a rabbit and she gave him 4s. 6d. On Monday he went to Sandwich market and bought a grey rabbit for 4s. 6d. The rabbit was in the hutch in his back garden. He was going to take it up on Monday night but changed his mind and decided to take it up on Tuesday night.

D/C Hopper said Ellis later stated "I did not see the chap in Station Approach-road. I made a mistake. The rabbit came from Minster and not Sandwich."

Chief Inspr. Butcher said defendant asked that two further cases should be taken into consideration. The first was for obtaining 5s. under similar circumstances from a house in Allenby-road on 25th November and the second for obtaining by false pretences a rabbit value 7s. 6d. from Foxborough-lane, Minster, on 23rd March.

The Chief Inspector said defendant was before the court in January, 1940, and was bound over for two years on two charges of larceny and false pretences. Three other cases of false pretences and one of storebreaking were then taken into consideration. Ellis was recently called up for the Army but was discharged after five weeks because of the after effects of inoculation. He was very difficult to deal with and whenever he was approached by the police his attitude was to run away.

## GATES TO GO TOO

**Following a query he raised with the Ministry of Works and Buildings, Mr. R. D. Brimmell, Ramsgate Borough Engineer, has been informed that the Ministry have now decided that iron gates as well as railings should be removed, subject to certain minor technical conditions.**

**Mr. Brimmell has accordingly prepared an additional schedule of gates for removal.**

### OFFICIALS' WAR BONUS

A new cost of living bonus scheme for officials will be recommended for approval by the Finance Committee at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

The new scheme provides for flat-rate increases instead of the present percentage scheme.

## SANGER'S STATUES

### TO HELP WAR EFFORT

**Towards the latter part of the last century when that picturesque showman, the late "Lord" George Sanger, stood in a London auction mart bidding for six iron statues, little did he realise that some 60 years later they would play a part in a war embracing three-quarters of the globe.**

The figures took Mr. Sanger's fancy and he thought they would look well outside his new Amphitheatre in High-street, Ramsgate.

But they also took the fancy of the late Sir Augustus Harris, lessee of the Theatre Royal, Drury-lane, who thought they would look well outside the Theatre Royal.

Bidding was brisk but when Sanger set his mind on a thing he got it—and the six figures were knocked down to him.

When the figures were erected outside what is now the Palace Theatre, Ramsgate, they caused a sensation. It is even reported that horses shied when they saw them.

In the leisurely days of the late Victorian era the figures, with their suspended lamps, were regarded as both ornamental and useful, but as traffic began to speed up they became something of a menace.

Many years ago four of the figures, which stretched down to the Post Office, were removed, but it was not until the beginning of the present war, and the introduction of the black-out, that the two figures immediately outside the entrance to the theatre were finally removed and placed in store.

On a recent visit to Ramsgate Miss Florence Sanger Reeve, a former member of Ramsgate Town Council, decided to hand the two figures over to assist the scrap metal collection.

The two figures, with their heavy iron bases, were brought out into the light of day once more on Monday, this time to make their last journey. Two other big iron figures were also unearthed from the theatre, and they too will shortly help to make guns, or ships, or tanks.

In his reminiscences, "Seventy Years a Showman," Mr. Sanger stated that he purchased from Ramsgate Corporation a considerable portion of the High-street and erected an amphitheatre, and hotel and shops at a cost of something like £60,000.

### COUNCIL TO RETAIN M.O.H.

The Central Medical War Committee have decided, following representations made by Ramsgate Town Council, to defer until March, 1943, consideration of the position of the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. J. V. Walker, in relation to recruitment for military service.

### RAMSGATE MAGISTRATES' CLERK

Ramsgate borough justices have informed the Town Council that they have appointed Mr. E. A. Knight as their Clerk at the same salary as that paid to the late Mr. J. Thorn Drury—£700 a year plus an allowance of £25 for stationery.

## AIR RAID RESOURCE

### WINS CUP FOR CONSTABLE

**The Green cup, presented annually to a member of Ramsgate police force for general proficiency or bravery, has been awarded for 1941 to P/C Coughlan in recognition of his prompt and resourceful conduct during an enemy air attack on 4th January, 1941.**

### RAMSGATE FLAG DAYS

Ramsgate Watch Committee have sanctioned flag days this year in aid of British Legion Poppy Day; National Air Raid Distress Fund; Dr. Barnardo's Homes; Waifs and Strays Society; National Y.M.C.A. War Service Fund; British Sailors' Society and the N.S.P.C.C.

St. Dunstan's is also to be allowed to make a house-to-house collection.

The gift of Senora Jovita Manscilla de Bemberg, of Buenos Aires, a mobile kitchen has been handed over to the W.V.S. for use in the south-east region.

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N.B.—This does not apply to Teachers at recognised schools, members of the Nursing Profession, or to Agricultural Workers.

URGENTLY required, Women to serve as Restaurant Manageresses, Cooks, Counter Assistants and General and Kitchen Assistants in Army and Air Force Canteens, on work which is classified as being of national importance and is a reserved occupation, to serve in Kent, Surrey, Sussex or Hants; good wages with free board and lodging, also free uniform (with the exception of shoes and stockings); applicants must be under 60 years; interviews can be arranged in all principal towns in these counties.—Apply, stating whether Mrs. or Miss, to N.A.A.F.I. (Dept. 8), 55 West-street, Reigate, Surrey. †06

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GENTS' Dayton Cycles, £8/9/7; Ladies' Triumph Cycles, £9/11/2; Babies' Folders, 30/6; Electric Fires from 16/3; large Dolls' Prams, £6/19/6; Battery Radios from £6/10/0; Camp Beds, 32/6; Sleeping Bags, 13/6, 29/6; Leather School Bags, 12/6; Accumulators ready to use from 7/6; Ever Ready No. 3 H.T. Batteries, 12/4; 120 Super H.T. Batteries, 31/-; Dolls from 8/11; Roundabouts, 14/-, 15/3, 22/6; Morse Tappers, 9/11; Toy Soldiers, Forts, Games, Aeroplanes, Train Sets, Skates, Dart Boards, Teddy Bears; large stocks of Batteries and Torches; repairs to Cycles and Radios; Accumulators charged on the premises.—Curry's Ltd., 28 High-street, Ramsgate.

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## LITERARY

AUTHORS invited submit MSS (especially Fiction and Poems) to London Publishers of 43 years' standing; advice free.—Stockwell Ltd., Elms-court, Ilfracombe (duration address). 09


## TEACHERS' WAR BONUS

The acceptance for grant of the following war bonus payments to teachers from 1st April, 1941, was notified at a meeting of Ramsgate Education Committee on Wednesday.

Men—£26 a year on salaries up to £262 10s. and £13 on salaries over £262 10s. but not exceeding £370 (£525 since 1st September, 1941).

Women—£19 10s. a year on salaries up to £262 10s. and £10 8s. on salaries above £262 10s. but not exceeding £315 (£525 since 1st September, 1941).

As a result of the 1941 sale of Christmas seals £1,638 12s. 10d. is available for tuberculosis care in Kent.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

# DARK DOINGS AT DITCHBY

By BASIL HAYE

So silently had Constable Booker approached that he took the owner of Peddy's Stores completely by surprise.

Mr. Peddy, being a bundle of nerves, was angry.

"The way you do creep about, Booker, one would say you sought to be a ghost. And in daytime, too. If it was night, now——"

"T'will soon be that anyways, Mr. Peddy," the constable saluted respectfully, adding: "I beg pardon if I came on you too sudden-like, I'm sure. All the same, Mr. Peddy, there are ghosts here in Ditchby. Disagreeable ghosts, too, full of dark doings, so one has to step quiet if one is to catch up on them."

"Meaning these smash-and-grabbers, and such?" Mr. Peddy interpreted with emotion.

He was fully entitled to show feeling. For one thing, as a prominent member of the rural district council, he was conscious of a measure of responsibility for the safeguarding of Ditchby. What with an epidemic of burglaries, some cases of rick-firing, and what was clearly an attempt at incendiarism in the church hall, Ditchby folk were speaking warmly about the slackness of the local government service for all that the rates were, by Ditchby standards, high.

"I have heard, Booker, there happened a breaking-in at the Blue Lion last night," Mr. Peddy ended a little sermon on this state of affairs, continuing: "Not that I visit such places myself, as you know, and I shed no tears over any money stolen from them. But—is there to be no stopping of such goings on, Booker?"

"Certainly we're doing what's possible, Mr. Peddy," the constable said. "The new inspector from Wiverton, and the sergeant and me, we be nosing around, and hope soon to turn those ghosts into live men. You'll see that, Mr. Peddy. Your store be safe enough, meanwhiles, we reckon, with that special alarm you did have fitted from London only last month."

"And rightly, too!" Mr. Peddy retorted proudly. "No man living can put foot in my store unauthorised, without yon alarm kicking up a noise like an air raid."

Here, laying a hand on the constable's arm, he pointed to the figure of a young man, just lounged into sight, and now leaning negligently against a motor sign giving warning of the village school up a side-turning.

"Maybe, Booker, that young Tom Hackett yonder do know more about this smash-and-grabbing business than not," Mr. Peddy warned. "'Tis only since he came here, and put up in Brook Cottage, supposed to be in the film-acting line, but not working just now, that Ditchby be so upset. Causing me upset he is, too, for ever hanging around after Mercy Dale that works for the post office in my store. Might be wise, Booker, if you kept an eye on him, found out what he does of nights."

Having delivered himself of this suggestion, wish being father to the thought, Mr. Peddy hastened the two lads going errands for him, bustling them now to put up the shutters. Meantime, he went inside, where Mercy Dale was closing the post office books for the day.

All the same as he noticed with a keen eye and an inward raging, she kept on glancing from her seat to look with tenderness at the young man leaning against the motor-sign, whom she could see through the still open shop door.

Mr. Peddy now deliberately closed this, also placing himself so as still further to block her view of that waiting admirer. Mr. Peddy, who was violently covetous by nature anyhow, was specially covetous of Mercy Dale's fresh young beauty. He purposed standing permanently between her and this young man. He indicated as much now.

Mercy, somewhat hurriedly perching a very small hat at a dangerous angle on gay, Titian-coloured curls, answered quite promptly, without the slightest embarrassment.

"I know your game, Mr. Peddy. I know you've been lending money to my mother for some years. If I'd known that was going on, I'd never have allowed it.

"Anyhow," she went on, critically examining the set of the hat in a tiny mirror from her handbag, "that gives you no right to try and force marriage on me. Though I haven't a ring yet till Tom Hackett takes me into Wiverton to-morrow for my half-day and to choose one—I'm already engaged to be married."

"It's got so far as that, has it?" Mr. Peddy, rather taken aback, spluttered angrily. "Been and actually got yourself engaged to a fellow you've not known much more than a few weeks, and can't really say who and what he is, have you?"

"I can say quite truthfully that I love him, Mr. Peddy!" Mercy declared with spirit, adding "As for what money Mum and I may be owing you, that needs to be paid back, and will be. Indeed, Tom's offered to help us to do so——"

"Oh, has he?" Mr. Peddy's eyes developed a squint of concentrated malice as he spluttered on. "And where's he getting the money from, I'd like to know? If he's anything at all, as I've just been warning Constable Booker, he's a smash-and-grabber. Now—you and me——"

He was, however, left talking to himself. For, as he tried to come towards her, she was gone out of that shop door. She never had much patience with Mr. Peddy, and since he became possessed of his absurd idea of marrying her, he had been quite intolerable.

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### Mr. Peddy Prepares.

If anyone in Ditchby or round about was crafty in the planning of ways and means to his own ends, that person was Mr. Peddy, though people would never have suspected as much from him. Not for nothing had he carefully built up here such a reputation for straightforwardness and fair dealing.

It was because of certain well-planned ways and means, in fact, that he remained on here late this evening. The shop-front safely shuttered and closed his two errand boys dismissed long since, he moved to and fro in the gathered darkness and silence behind the shop, in that part where the bulk of his biggish stock was housed.

That time he busied his hands with the means of adding further to what Constable Booker had referred to as "dark doings" at Ditchby.

Therein lay Mr. Peddy's craft. If, as had happened, ricks were being lighted, the church hall part burned-out, burglaries also taking place, was not that the best moment for him secretly to fire his own property, an old one, anyhow, so getting big insurance money to build a much finer store at no cost to himself?

Never doing things by halves, he had sought out an old and a bad and bankrupt acquaintance in London, and through him had received advice on how a fire should be started so as to leave no trace of incendiarism. Moreover, the expert who had advised him had sold him a cunning contraption which his friend had assured him would have the required effect.

It was not part of his scheme to execute his wicked plan immediately. For that, he purposed coming back from his nearby house when Ditchby was fast sunk in slumber, so the blaze would already have a good hold before folk wakened enough to do anything, thus helping to hide the more effectively the original cause.

Nor did he let himself out as usual by the front door, for he was very late by now. He didn't want to be seen, and the probabilities were that Constable Booker might still be on the prowl that side. Anyhow, a back door led to an unfrequented alley-way which went straight towards his house a couple of hundred yards distant.

Letting himself out by this door, which he carefully locked, he was pocketing the key when he was startled to find the alley-way not so unfrequented as he had hoped it would be. He had just time to realise that some man's figure loomed hard on him out of the darkness, having come up behind him as he faced the door.

Then, while turning, Mr. Peddy felt a hefty blow descend crushingly on his head, and he knew no more . .

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### The Awakening.

"He be coming round nicely, folks. 'Twas a good clout he must have had, all the same," were the first words which pierced the dense fog of Mr. Peddy's unconsciousness.

The voice was that of Constable Booker, and had the effect of hastening greatly his return to normal. He discovered, by opening his eyes, that he was in his own home, stretched on a settee in his sittingroom. The lights were full on, and made him blink.

They showed him not only his housekeeper and the constable, but the sergeant and a dour-faced man whom he recognised as the new inspector from Wiverton. Also he was surprised to see not only Mercy Dale, but, actually Tom Hackett watching him from the background.

"What's happened, then?" he queried, making an effort to sit up, slightly clearer in the head now, able to put two and two together.

"So—it was that Tom Hackett attacked me in the alley-way?" he surmised, and turned to the constable. "I did tell you, Booker, he was up to no good——"

"On the contrary, Mr. Peddy," the inspector from Wiverton intervened here, "this Mr. Hackett's proved himself of great good and considerable usefulness. It was he, with Miss Dale, who found you in that alley-way."

"And what was he doing there, anyhow?" Mr. Peddy was asking, when Mercy Dale replied.

"It was this way, Mr. Peddy. When I left you in the store at closing-time, I went in such a hurry that I quite forgot to take my handbag with me. Afterwards Mr. Hackett and I came here to your house, so I could ask for the key to get in and find it. But, the housekeeper saying you must still be at the store, we came by the alley-way to see you. We found you lying there, and carried you here."

Mr. Peddy, his mind fast at work now, was thinking less of what had happened to him than of what that fast-closed store contained, all unknown to these people. He was relieved that, all being well, it would still remain unknown.

But, in the next moment, the inspector from Wiverton gave him a shock.

"Thanks to that excellent burglar-alarm of yours, Mr. Peddy," the latter heard him saying, "we were able to catch your assailant. It seems that, after downing you, he got in at the back door by your key, and had a good look round inside. In the process, he accidentally set the alarm going, and—that was the end of his freedom for a while, or will be."

And then, as Mr. Peddy was alarmedly snatching still at any possible straw spelling safety for himself, the inspector continued:

"The charge being one of burglarious entry with violence. But there's one little point, Mr. Peddy, I'm here to clear up, having just come over from examining that store of yours: The arrested man insists—and I can quite believe him—that he had nothing to do with the careful arrangements for fire-raising we found all laid ready there. On the other hand, as you were actually leaving the premises when he attacked you, it's up to you to explain that little mystery. It looks, Mr. Peddy, as if that burglar-alarm of yours has given away more than you wanted known."

Mr. Peddy collapsed, his eyes closed. There was nothing he could say. In fact, Constable Booker was saying it for him as he moved towards him in those rubber-soled shoes of his.

"'Tis as I told him, Inspector. It do take we police to turn ghosts into live men, and catch up on these dark doings. And him all the while trying to tell me young Mr. Hackett must be one of they smash-and-grabbers. What a whited sepulchre the man must be."

THE END

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

## MAYOR OF GUILDFORD'S VISIT

Alderman V. G. Wilkinson, Mayor of Guildford, is to pay a visit to Ramsgate to-morrow.

When the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) was recently in Guildford an offer was made on behalf of the town to "adopt" Ramsgate and Alderman Wilkinson then expressed a wish to see Ramsgate under war-time conditions.

# PALS IN CAPTIVITY

This photograph has just been received by Mrs. Turner, of 3 Bell-cottages, St. Lawrence, from her son, Pte. Ernest Turner, The Buffs, who is a prisoner of war at Stalag XXI B. Pte. Turner is fourth from the right in the top row and on his right is Pte. Frank Stupples, another Ramsgate lad.

# Groups Big Part

## IN BROADSTAIRS WARSHIP WEEK

Savings groups played an important part in the success of Broadstairs Warship Week.

Targets were beaten handsomely and the very satisfactory result is a tribute to the work of the hon. secretaries.

Results so far to hand are as follows: High-street (Broadstairs), Miss D. B. Allen (target £12), actual amount £13 10s 6d.; Northdown-road, Mrs. A. E. Davis (£22 10s.), £74 2s. 11d.; Bradstow, Mrs Ward (£3), £8; Napier-road and Magdala-road, Miss E. Pointer (£3), £5 18s. 6d.; Upton-road and Sowell-street, Mrs. M Butler (£30), £83 7s.; Church-street, Mrs Ralph (£7 16s.), £60 2s.; St. Peter's Infants school, Miss Osborne (£22 10s.), £24 19s. 9d., First Aid Parties, Mrs. Burchall (£18), £48 8s.; Selwyn House F.A.P., Mrs. E. Shaw (£6), £25 16s.; U.D.C. staff, Mr. L. T. Shaw (£4 15s.), £107 1s.; Westover-road and Norman-road, Miss Tapply (£6), £10 2s. 6d.; Central Ward No. 1, Mrs. A. Darby (£1 12s.), £3 2s.; St. Mildred's-avenue and district, Mrs. J. F. Boyd (£75), £216; Girls' Council school, Miss Browne (£12), £16 0s. 9d.; Warren's (St. Peter's), Miss Warren (£50), £138 7s. 9d.; Wardens' Service, Mr. Younger (£50), £106; St. Peter's Park-road, Miss Piggott, £17 5s. 6d.

These figures show undoubtedly that members of the groups made every effort to play their part in the successful conclusion of Warship Week, and it is obvious also from these figures how much the success of National Savings generally depends upon the enthusiasm and support of savings groups. There is, therefore, every reason for groups to go all out for increased membership. The personal advantages of belonging to a savings group are many, while the need for National Savings is vital to the country. The course to take, then, is to join or form a savings group now.

Savings figures for the week ending 21st March are National Savings Certificates £159, Post Office Savings Bank £236, making a total for the week of £395.

# FORMBY AGAIN

## COMEDIES AT THE KING'S

Two merry comedies are being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

A riot of fun from start to finish, "South American George," featuring George Formby, heads the bill for to-day and to-morrow. As the hapless George Butters, a "gormless" lad with operatic ambitions but no ability, Formby is persuaded to impersonate an extremely temperamental opera star who has walked out on the show and to whom George bears a striking resemblance. The fun begins when Formby has to sing in opera for which he has neither the Italian tongue nor the restrained tenor voice, and proceeds through a mad succession of hilarious scenes. The cast also includes Linden Travers and Enid Stamp-Taylor. The supporting feature is "Murder by Invitation," with Marian Marsh and Wallace Ford.

As the girl who knows all the answers, beautiful Joan Bennett is co-starred with Franchot Tone in "She Knew All the Answers," chief feature for the latter part of the week. Miss Bennett appears as a night club star who wants to marry a millionaire playboy. Tone, the boy's guardian, is a stiff-necked financier who absolutely forbids the marriage even though he does not know the girl. Determined to win his approval, she talks him into giving her a job in his office where, during the course of her efforts to impress him, she manages not only to upset his equanimity but also that of the Stock Exchange. "The Great Swindle," with Jack Holt and Marjorie Reynolds, will also be shown.

On Good Friday there will be a continuous performance from 5 p.m.

## OLD RUYMIANS AT WAR

Although in the interests of economy "Ruym" is not published this term, everyone associated with Chatham House School, both past and present, will be intensely interested in "Old Ruymian Notes," a pamphlet which has taken the place of the March number of the school magazine. Therein Mr. L. C. Philpott, who is doing a really grand job of work in keeping in touch with old boys all over the world, quotes extracts from 150 letters and makes reference to war-time activities of 250 Old Ruymians. The seventh list of O.Rs. on active service brings the total to date to approximately 600. Congratulations are extended to over 10 per cent. of them upon recent promotions, ranging from lance-corporal to major in the Army, from leading-telegraphist to lieutenant-commander in the Navy and from leading-aircraftman to flight-lieutenant in the R.A.F. Chatham House has every reason to be proud of its war record.

## EASTER POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

On Good Friday there will be one delivery of letters and parcels in the Ramsgate postal area. Collections will be made from the head post office, Ramsgate, and Broadstairs branch office, and letter boxes in the town and rural area in the evening at the usual times (except Cliffs End 4.30 p.m.) and the usual night mail will be despatched.

The public counter at Ramsgate head office and Broadstairs branch office and at Minster will be open as on a normal weekday but the town sub offices will be closed.

On Easter Monday there will be one delivery of letters and parcels. Collections will be made from the head post office, Ramsgate, Broadstairs branch office and all town letter boxes in the evening at usual Bank Holiday times, and the usual night mail will be despatched. Collections in the rural area will be made with the morning delivery.

The public counter at Ramsgate head office and Broadstairs branch office will be open from 9 a.m. until noon and telegrams will be accepted at the side door at Ramsgate head office from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Town sub offices will be closed.

# COURAGEOUS TERRITORIAL

## M.M. FOR MARGATE MAN

The bravery of a Margate soldier, who continued to fight back although wounded in the arm, has won for him the Military Medal.

He is L/Bdr. Edward Lionel Billinghurst, R.A.

In a letter to Bdr. Billinghurst's wife, who lives at Berrydown, Cliffe-avenue, Margate, his Commanding Officer, Maj. G. Donovan Boyd, also a Margate man, writes:

"The unfailing courage and devotion to duty of this N.C.O. was an outstanding example to the other men of the gun detachment. During a dive-bombing and machine-gun attack of the site, although this N.C.O. was wounded by a bullet in his arm early in the engagement, he continued to serve his gun. The cool determination of this N.C.O. to carry on and his total disregard for his own personal condition was a fine tonic to the men."

Bdr. Billinghurst has now completely recovered from his injury and has been posted to another unit.

Twenty-four years of age, Bdr. Billinghurst, who was before the war employed by a firm of Margate builders, joined the Territorial Army during the 1938 crisis. He was called up shortly before the outbreak of war and after 12 months' service was drafted to the Middle East.

# A COHERENT WHOLE

## TAKING THE PLOUGH ROUND THE FARM

This is a revolutionary war, the winning of which calls for a revolutionary readjustment of old-time ideas and methods.

We are already seeing the beginnings of a revolution in British farming practice. We are "taking the plough round the farm" and aiming at the gradual mergence of grass and arable into one coherent whole. Indeed, in the north, an all-arable four-course rotation has been converted into a seven-course one, with three years of grass instead of one year. Thus, instead of 50 per cent. of the farm being annually under corn, only 43 per cent. was corned. But owing to the fertility collected by the ley, at least as much corn was produced as before; more live stock were provided for and more milk produced; red clover took on a new lease of life; turnips ceased to suffer from "finger and toe," less labour was required.

All this was achieved at a time when horses supplied the motive power. With the advent of the tractor, there is no longer any great difficulty in ploughing up even the most intractable clays of the English lowlands.

There is no real difficulty in taking the plough round the farm, but more difficulty than in the north in taking the crops and stock round after it in regular and orderly sequence.

The really important considerations are that grass should be treated like any other crop, that at all times it should be the best possible, and that its capacity for accumulating fertility and keeping land free from weeds should be utilised to benefit the whole farm. This means that grass must be renewed periodically; how often depends on circumstances, but certainly whenever it begins to show signs of "going back."

Green grass is not only the cheapest food, it is also a complete food—a total food for a total war. This country for the most part is better suited to the production of grass than any other country in the world. And probably for this very reason it has never been developed to capacity. Grass has been taken for granted. Grass of sorts will grow of its own accord; given the necessary attention and encouragement it will respond generously, make an invaluable contribution to our animal food supply and leave the land richer than it found it.

# MISSED HIS XMAS MAIL

## RAMSGATE PRISONER IN ITALY

Pte. Clifford George, of The Buffs, son of Mrs. A. George, of 153 Margate-road, Ramsgate, who was originally reported missing in Libya, has sent cards home from Italian prisoners of war camps.

In one, written from Camp P.G.N.66 on 22nd February, he stated ". . . I'm well and, considering the circumstances, quite happy. I hope you had a nice Christmas. I was thinking of you all the time. I was captured on 15th December, so I missed all my Christmas mail and parcels. . . Never mind, look on the bright side. I hope to be home soon."

Another card was written by Pte. George from Camp P.G.59 on 27th February, on which he said "I'm getting settled down to new conditions. I'm always thinking and dreaming of home and the good times we have had, and hope we will soon be able to enjoy them again."

## COMPANIONS IN CAPTIVITY

News of three well-known Ramsgatonians who are fellow prisoners at a German camp is contained in a cheerful card we have received from Stalag XVIII A. The card comes from B/Q/M/S W. E. Playford, who writes "I thought perhaps you would appreciate a few lines from the Ramsgate men here. I am here with B/S/M G. Brown and Sgt. W. Heydon, and you can bet we are all looking forward to an early return to the old town. Best wishes to all our friends there."

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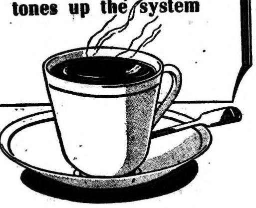

Good at ALL Times


# ABLE LEADERSHIP

## FEATHER IN MAYOR'S CAP

The part which the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. G. P. Hoare) played in the success of Margate Warship Week was acknowledged at a special meeting of Margate Town Council on Wednesday.

Moving that the thanks of the Council be extended to Alderman and Mrs. Hoare, Alderman E. S. Linington said it was an extraordinarily fine achievement for a town like Margate to have contributed £162,000. Much of the success was due to the enthusiasm of the Mayor and the help of his many workers.

"I think it is a feather in your cap and a feather in the cap of Margate," said Alderman Linington. "Margate has been very hard hit by the war and it is wonderful to think that after two and a half years we can raise £162,000 to help the war effort."

Seconding the resolution, Alderman W. C. Redman said the result would not have been obtained but for the leadership and enthusiasm shown by the Mayor.

The Mayor said the Week had proved that Margate had many friends both in the town and away from it.

"It only goes to show that the people who have left us are longing to get back," said the Mayor. "I have had no end of letters to that effect. It is a great consolation to me at moments when I feel we are at the extreme edge of the map."

The Mayor said he received many anonymous gifts, from 10s. up to £25. Many just bore the words "This is to help Margate." That was most encouraging and made him feel that they need not worry too much about the future.

"We have to keep the ship afloat," said the Mayor, "and when the time comes I am satisfied that Margate will come into its own and have a fair share of the business that is going."

# DEANNA'S LATEST

## STAR FILMS AT ODEON

Two outstanding films are being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

To-day and to-morrow "It Started With Eve" features Deanna Durbin, Charles Laughton and Robert Cummings. Deanna is seen as a hatcheck girl who is introduced into a New York multi-millionaire's home as his son's fiancee. As the elderly industrialist, Laughton has essentially a comedy role. Story of the film opens with the aged millionaire on what is believed to be his deathbed. When his son cannot locate his socialite fiancee, whom his father wants to meet, he introduces the hatcheck girl. Later, the old man recovers and the son is forced to continue the deception. Romantic comedy complications ensue when the real fiancee arrives. Deanna sings five numbers. Also being screened is "Mr. Dynamite," with Lloyd Nolan and Irene Hervey.

Produced with the co-operation of the British Air Ministry, "A Yank in the R.A.F." heads the bill for the latter part of the week. Tyrone Power plays the role of a young devil-may-care American who ferries a bomber to England in search of adventure and finds the girl he loves. Glamour is added by Betty Grable, who has the role of an American chorus girl in England who works in the day as a volunteer nurse and at night as a club entertainer. Around her is developed the exciting romance with three flyers—Tyrone Power, John Sutton and Reginald Gardiner. "Moonlight in Hawaii," with Jan Frazee, The Merry Macs, Leon Errol and Mischa Auer will also be shown.

The performance on Good Friday begins at 5 p.m.

# PRESUMED KILLED

## WESTGATE AIRMAN'S DEATH

The Air Ministry have informed Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Appleby, of 104 Victoria-avenue, Westgate, that their son, Sgt.-Obs. Tom Appleby, R.A.F.V.R., who was reported missing following a bombing raid, is now presumed to have been killed in action.

An old boy of St. Saviour's, Westgate, and Chatham House, Ramsgate, Sgt.-Obs. Appleby joined the Merchant Service in 1930 and was a survivor of S.S. Waterford, which was wrecked off the coast of Nova Scotia in 1932. He was a member of the crew of the research ship William Scoresby on her voyage to the Antarctic in 1935 and he subsequently went to the Antarctic on whaling expeditions.

## BOMBED VICARAGE

Reference to the fact that Holy Trinity Vicarage, Margate, had been seriously damaged by enemy action was contained in the report presented at the annual parochial meeting at which the Vicar, the Rev. J. B. Cowell, presided last week.

"To a great many," stated the report, "Holy Trinity Vicarage held priceless memories of happy hours shared, both socially and spiritually, within its spacious walls and these heard of its fate with real regret. What will arise in its place is a problem of the future.

"Both the Church Council and people far beyond the confines of the parish voiced their heartfelt thankfulness for the wonderful escape and safety of the Vicar and Mrs. Cowell and their son Eric on the night of the bombing. Very soon afterwards they were comfortably settled in St. Paul's Vicarage and we record our gratitude for the kindness of the Rev. P. E. Wilson and the most helpful interest of the diocesan authorities."

The financial statement showed a balance of £226 11s. 11d. compared with £91 19s. the previous year.

At the vestry meeting, Mr. J. S. Brown, Vicar's warden, and Mr. F. W. Doughty, people's warden, were re-elected and Mr. N. V. Morgan was reappointed hon. secretary and vestry clerk.

## MARGATE IN REGIONAL FINAL

By defeating Tunbridge Wells, with whom they had previously tied, in the Civil Defence casualty services competition at Maidstone last week, Margate qualified to represent Kent in the regional final between Kent, Sussex and part of Surrey.

*NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE*

*Relatives are invited to notify The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," Church-hill, Ramsgate, of particulars concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.*

*News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.*

*The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.*


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FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE'S glorious work for our sick and wounded soldiers in the Crimea (1854-6) is now a matter of history. It is perhaps not so well known that her most strenuous fight was to secure hygienic conditions. In 1892, at the age of 72, she organised a health crusade in Buckinghamshire, "a plan which, if widely carried out, would bring valuable knowledge to every home in England." Practical advice to everybody "on such points as ventilation, drainage, disinfectants, cleanliness, etc.," was the keynote of her scheme for creating conditions favourable to health throughout the country

Florence Nightingale's crusade was supported by Jeyes' — the House of Hygiene — and her simple gospel of cleanliness and disinfection as the most efficient practical barrier to infection has been consistently advocated by them year after year. It is safe to say that the housewife — "The Lady with the Mop" — now puts into practical effect the teachings of "The Lady with the Lamp."

The national health has seldom, if ever, been better than it is now, despite war conditions. It is the epidemic period, but there are no serious epidemics. It is a disturbing fact, however, that 81,748 cases of preventable infectious disease were notified in England and Wales in the thirteen weeks ended January 31st, 1942. The best defence against infection is systematic personal and domestic cleanliness combined with disinfection.

(1) A simple method, which is inexpensive and can be adopted by anyone without inconvenience, is to put a tablespoonful of Jeyes' Fluid in every pail or bowl of water used for cleansing. One tablespoonful to a gallon of water not only kills germs, but it also dissolves grease and dirt and makes cleaning easier and more thorough — with less soap.

(2) Another excellent hygienic method is to steep clothes for 15 minutes, before they are washed, in water containing Jeyes' Fluid in the proportion of one tablespoonful to a gallon of water, adding the Fluid to the water before the clothes are immersed. The clothes are thus made free from germs, and incidentally washing is easier and less soap is required because Jeyes' Fluid dissolves exudations from the skin, etc. It is especially desirable to sterilise handkerchiefs in this way, but they should be treated separately with a teaspoonful of the Fluid to a pint of water.

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## 25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

### THE WAR OF 1914-18

An official statement issued by the Admiralty on Wednesday announced that ten British fishing vessels of which nine were sailing craft had been sunk last week in connection with the U-boat campaign. Among the crews landed are 12 men formerly engaged in the fishing industry at Ramsgate. They are Joseph Bourner, George Evans, Tom Holness and William G. West (skippers), Charles Gibbens, Albert Horne, Alfred Tucker, Henry Smith, John Bushell, William Caesar, W. Smith and J. Fagg.

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For his fine work in assisting to capture one officer and 19 men during a raid on the enemy's trenches in February, Sgt. H. C. Larkins, a gallant Ramsgatonian, has been awarded the Military Medal. Sgt. Larkins took part in the Battle of the Somme, and has since been engaged in some heavy fighting.

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The silver medal of the Marine Society, which was awarded to Pte. F. A. M. Went, R.M.L.I., only son of Mr. F. Went, of Ramsgate, has reached the father this week after the young soldier had been drowned in the sinking of the Laurentic. The vessel was lost off the Irish coast at the end of January.

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In connection with recent events in the district representations were made to Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, that delegates from the three chief towns in Thanet would like to attend as a deputation to place before him certain views and the local aspect of the matter. Sir Edward agreed and the deputation which visited him consisted of the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman T. S. Chayney), the Town Clerk (Mr. A. Blasdale Clarke), the Mayor of Margate (Alderman W. B. Reeve) and the Town Clerk (Mr. W. Brooke), the Chairman of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Council (Dr. F. Brightman) and the Clerk (Mr. L. A. Skinner). The meeting was, of course, private, and it was stated that there would be no public announcement.

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The Mayor of Margate has written to the London press contradicting the "wild and alarming rumours which have been and are still being circulated concerning the town."

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The "Kentish Observer," Canterbury, records: "On Sunday evening there were all sorts of rumours in the air. An invasion of the east coast, the destruction of Margate, Zeppelins over Kent and the eastern counties—these were only a few of the wild stories that somebody or the other has started."

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Having lost one son at the front last year, Mrs. Jordon, of Hertford-place, Ramsgate, received the further sad news this week of the death in action of another son, Pioneer Frederick Thomas Kemp, of the Somerset Light Infantry.

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The "Daily Mail" yesterday advised its readers to spend Easter at Ramsgate or Broadstairs. "Of pastimes there is no lack of variety at Ramsgate," it stated. "There is good hotel accommodation in the town and also numerous boarding houses and apartments."

## 50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

### LIBERAL CANDIDATE

A candidate has now been found to contest the Thanet Division of Kent, held by Mr. James Lowther since the death of Col. H. King Harman. The candidate is Mr. H. L. Hart, a barrister and a member of the Eighty Club. He is well known in the Metropolis as an active politician on the Gladstonian side. At a special meeting of the Isle of Thanet Liberal Association on Monday night Mr. Hart gave an impression of his political views, and was formally adopted as Liberal candidate for the Division. Mr. Hart is by no means an extreme politician; his views are eminently moderate and sensible, and there is every probability that the coming contest will be a very close one.

### SHADES OF DICKENS

A bad case of cruelty came before Margate magistrates, the wife of a master of languages being summoned for ill-treating her 13-year-old maidservant. From the evidence it appeared that the defendant beat the girl unmercifully with a stick. Next the woman put a black beetle in the child's mouth, and when she screamed and endeavoured to avoid the loathsome morsel, she filled her mouth with ashes, and afterwards made her wash her mouth out with soapy water in which she had previously washed her hands. A doctor stated that the child's body from neck to waist was black with bruises, that her arms were bruised and swollen, and that there were cuts behind each ear and on the left side of the brow. The woman, who admitted that she "corrected" the girl, was fined £3 10s.

## A YEAR AGO

Former superintendent of Ramsgate Marina bathing pool, Lt.-Cmdr. Charles F. Hallaran, R.N., died on active service in attempting to rescue a sailor who had fallen into the sea.

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In connection with his work as Welfare Officer for the troops in Ramsgate, Broadstairs and district, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, Mayor of Ramsgate, was granted the honorary rank of captain in the British Army.

### DEANNA AGAIN

Deanna Durbin is co-starred with Charles Laughton in "It Started With Eve," which is being screened at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

## PLACID YEAR

### CYCLE CLUB'S SATISFACTORY POSITION

A placid year was reported at the annual meeting of Ramsgate Cycling and Motoring Club, held at headquarters, Guildford-lawn, on Tuesday.

The president, Mr. P. R. Derry, occupied the chair.

The 62nd annual report, presented by the hon. secretary, Mr. G. Kemp, stated that the club was still in a healthy position financially compared with 1941. There had been a decline in membership, but this was entirely due to members temporarily leaving the town, and the committee were confident that at the conclusion of hostilities they would return, eager once again to take part in the life of the club. During the year the deaths occurred of two members, Mr. E. W. Attwell, who was president in 1936 and 1937, and Mr. G. Partridge.

Owing to the many calls on members' time, stated the report, club life had been somewhat curtailed. During the year three snooker tournaments were arranged and successfully concluded.

Mr. Kemp paid tribute to the work on behalf of the club carried out by many members, mentioning in particular that of Alderman T. W. Mockridge.

The president said that under the circumstances the position they were in was very satisfactory.

The balance sheet showed a deficit of £5 1s. 9½d. on the year's working.

The vice-president (Mr. L. Rengert), the hon. secretary and the hon. treasurer (Mr. H. E. Wright) were re-elected, and Messrs. S. A. Ovenden and P. F. Riches were elected auditors.

Vacancies on the General Committee were filled by the election of Alderman J. J. White and Messrs. A. S. Harman and J. Wellard.

In addition to the officers, who are ex-officio members, those elected to the Billiards Committee were Alderman Mockridge, Alderman W. T. Smith, Councillor O. Hughes, Dr. A. N. Gordon and Messrs. T. H. White, F. S. Wraight, A. S. Harman, G. E. Mummery, J. B. Sharman, F. Bayly, P. Houghton, R. Day and G. Clark.

### COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S GOOD NEWS

Councillor B. J. Pearson, Chairman of Broadstairs Council, and Mrs. Pearson have been relieved to receive news of the safety of their elder son Donald, a squadron leader in the R.A.F., who had been stationed at Singapore for the past three years.

Sqn. Ldr. Pearson's younger brother Roy is also serving with the R.A.F.

### AUCTION HELPS

The sum of £146 was realised at an auction sale of unwanted articles conducted by Mr. John Bayly in aid of Margate Warship Week. The vendors were paid in the form of tokens for savings certificates or bonds.

## PAYING UP

### TRIBUTE TO MARGATE'S LOYALTY

### GOVERNMENT SHOULDERS RATE BURDEN

A tribute to the people of Margate for the way in which they are endeavouring to meet their obligations was paid by the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) at a special meeting of the Town Council on Wednesday when a rate for the coming year of 13s. 9d. in the £—the same as for the current year—was approved.

The Mayor revealed that but for special Government assistance it would have required a rate of 26s. 9d. in the £ to meet their liabilities.

The report of the Borough Treasurer (Mr. I. M. Cowan), submitted to the Finance Committee, stated:

"The conditions in this area cannot be regarded as having changed during the past year for the better. The effect of the evacuation of the civil population is still the most important factor and only a relatively small number of persons has returned to this area. The population estimated a year ago as approximately 13,000 is now estimated to be no more than 14,000, and on the occasion of an inspection of property made some few months ago it was revealed that approximately 4,000 properties in this town were empty and a further 3,200 were furnished but unoccupied owing to evacuation. This represents approximately 50 per cent. of the total number of properties in the town. In terms of rateable value approximately 56 per cent. were empty or unoccupied. Economically the position of the town is at least as difficult as it was a year ago."

**Reduced Expenditure.**

Moving the adoption of the estimate, the Mayor, who is chairman of the Finance Committee, said that during the current year they had underspent to the extent of £29,500. This was mainly due to the fact that the Auxiliary Fire Service was now part of the National Fire Service and to a reduction by £18,690 in expenditure in the Waterworks Department.

The estimate before them that afternoon showed a reduction of £12,126 compared with the estimate for 1941-42. There were a number of reasons for this.

With the consent of the Ministry of Health they were proposing to levy a rate of 13s. 9d. in the £. It was worthy of mention that if Government assistance had not been forthcoming it would have been necessary to levy a rate of 26s. 9d. to meet their requirements.

After reading a letter from the Ministry giving their consent to the rate, the Mayor said that after the estimate was considered by the Finance Committee it had to go to the Ministry, since they were now more or less financial partners with the borough. During the coming year Government assistance would be a sum equal to a rate of over 13s. in the £. Altogether they had received £187,345, of which £140,509 was by way of free gift and the balance of £46,836 by way of loan.

**Old Folk Return.**

The total of rates collected up to the end of February was £110,959 and it was hoped that by the end of March it would have reached £115,500. This figure was most satisfactory in view of the peculiar conditions under which they were living. They were constantly hearing of people returning to Margate and the population was now about 14,000. Many older people were coming back, unfortunately because they could not afford to continue to live away. There was evidence that these people were contributing towards the funds of the borough. The figures he had given proved it. While they were mainly of the class which had been seriously affected by the war, they were making their contribution towards the cost of carrying on the administration of the borough.

The members knew, and he knew particularly, that there was a tremendous amount of hardship in Margate. But it was a source of great satisfaction that those people who were earning were paying up.

Only the previous week—Warship Week—a considerable sum of money was contributed in Margate. They knew that a lot of it was "big" money from large financial firms but a lot of money was raised locally. Something like £19,000 was raised in small sums through the Post Office, the Savings Bank and other small sources.

**Helping Themselves.**

"It is a source of much satisfaction that the people of Margate are really helping themselves," said the Mayor. "We have heard a great deal during the last week or so about the distress of the coastal towns. I note with encouragement and appreciation that the people of this borough are making their contribution towards the administration. That in addition they are saving as they are saving is a spirit which we should encourage and of which we should show our appreciation."

Continuing, the Mayor said that in Margate, as in every other town, there were a few people who preferred to lean on others but he wished to acknowledge in public that in the main they were paying up well. It showed that the people of Margate were loyal, that they were interested in the administration and that they wished to meet their obligations.

There was no question that the people were fully alive to the difficulties they might yet have to face but fortunately many people were employed in a regular way and in a manner to which they were not accustomed in peace-time. That was an asset to the town's finances.

Referring again to the estimates, the Mayor said that in the majority of cases the increases were due to increases in pay and the increased cost of materials. No unnecessary work was being carried out. The work which was being done was absolutely essential for the welfare of the town and its people.

Seconding the resolution, Councillor S. W. Pearce paid tribute to the Borough Treasurer and other officials of the Corporation. They pulled together well and there was a fine spirit of fellowship between them.

A resolution fixing the water rate at 1s. 9 3/5d. in the £ was also adopted.

### CANON A. W. MacMICHAEL

The Rural Dean of Thanet, the Rev. A. W. MacMichael, who has been Vicar of Minster since 1936, has been appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury an honorary canon of Canterbury Cathedral.

Following his return from the Archbishop's Mission in South Alberta, Canon MacMichael was appointed resident priest to the Archbishop of Canterbury before he went to the Middle East to become priest-in-charge at Heliopolis. He afterwards served for seven years as Vicar of New Romney before coming to Minster.

### RAMSGATE WARSHIP WEEK COMPETITION WINNERS

Winners of Savings Certificates in Ramsgate Warship Week competition were:

25 Certificates—

Mrs. H. Pope, 30 Picton-road, Ramsgate.

10 Certificates—

F. Bayly, Speldhurst, Marlborough-road, Ramsgate.

5 Certificates—

H. Pitfield, 41 Southwood-road, Ramsgate.

2 Certificates each—

A/B N. G. Easton, Grosvenor Sanatorium, Ashford.

G. Wilkinson, 231 Margate-road, Ramsgate.

N. Harnett, 36 Cecilia-road, Ramsgate.

Mr. Stokes, 2 Memel-place, Ramsgate.

Mrs. Pilcher, 33 Napleton-road, Ramsgate.

1 Certificate each—

Mr. Reynolds, 2 Hillbrow-road, Ramsgate.

J. Wellard, c/o Maryville, Park-road, Ramsgate.

Miss J. Read, 51 Chapel-road, Ramsgate.

E. B. Rees, 80 King-street, Ramsgate.

Mrs. W. Holladay, St. Briac, Elmstone-road, Ramsgate.

Miss Goldsmith, 1 Percy Villas, Ramsgate.

52 Cannonbury-road, Ramsgate.

W. S. Simmons, Court-street, Faversham.

Mrs. Goldsmith, 6 Hollicondane-terrace, College-road, Ramsgate.

C. A. Miles, 53 St. George's-road, Ramsgate.

The success of the competition was due to the hard work of the Mayoress and Mrs. D. Peete.

### FORECAST COMPETITION WINNERS

There was a tie for first place in the Forecast Competition held in connection with Ramsgate Warship Week.

The sum raised during the Week was £163,661 8s. 5d. and the nearest competitors were:

George Lycett, 19 Chatham-street,

and

Mrs. N. E. Kemp, 33 Grove-road,

each of whom forecast a round figure of £164,000.

The first and second prizes are being divided between them and each will receive four National Savings Certificates.

Third prize of one certificate goes to

E. Church, Avis, St. Mildred's-avenue,

whose forecast was £163,000 10s. 6d.

## CHILDREN COME HOME

### THREE MORE RAMSGATE SCHOOLS TO OPEN

In view of the increasing number of children who are returning to Ramsgate it is proposed to re-open St. Lawrence, Holy Trinity and St. George's schools after the Easter holidays which began on Saturday and end on 12th April.

At a meeting of the Education Committee at Clarendon House on Wednesday the sub-committee responsible reported that the number of children on the roll for the week ending 21st February was 913.

Recommending that, for reasons of safety, the number of children allowed to be accommodated in any one school building should not exceed 150, and in some cases 100, the sub-committee were of opinion that, in view of the increasing number of children returning to the town, accommodation for not less than 1,500 should be provided next term.

To secure this it would be necessary to re-open further schools and, in addition to the re-opening of St. Lawrence, Holy Trinity and St. George's schools, they recommended the recall from the reception area of the necessary additional teachers.

In this connection the opinion was expressed that it would be in the best interests of the committee that Mr. Davies, head teacher of Hereson boys' school, should remain in the reception area during the continuance of the evacuation in view of the many and varied duties he undertakes on behalf of the committee.

It was reported that on 1st February there were 1,261 children in the official reception area, compared with 1,601 on 1st September, 1941, and 2,612 in June, 1940.

Mrs. H. N. A. Reid, Miss B. Dickens and Miss A. Brice, teachers serving in the reception area, who have resigned, were thanked by the committee for their services.

### HOT CROSS BUN RECIPE

For two dozen buns—

1 lb. national flour
2½ ozs. margarine or mixed fat
1 rounded teaspoonful mixed spice.
Good ½ pint diluted milk
2 ozs. yeast
2½ ozs. sugar
Good grating of nutmeg
4 ozs. chopped dates
Pinch of salt

Add salt and spice to warmed flour in a heated basin, leaving a well in centre. Cream yeast with small teaspoonful sugar. Warm milk with fat until blood-heat and fat is melted. When yeast has frothed add liquid to it and pour all into the well in flour, mixing gradually to a smooth dough. Beat with the hands and knead until smooth. Cover with a clean cloth and leave in warm place out of draught for 1 hour or until the dough has doubled in size.

Remove dough to a floured board, work in sugar and dates, make into buns. Put on a well-floured tray and put in a warm place for 15 minutes. Form a cross-cut on each one. Bake in a good oven for 15-20 minutes, but just before removing them brush over with diluted milk and return them to glaze and brown. Then put them on a rack to cool.

## HOUSE FULL OF WILD CATS

### WOMAN FINED

When an R.S.P.C.A. inspector entered a house at Birchington, cats were flying about wildly in all directions and it was impossible to count them.

This was stated at Margate police court on Wednesday when Miss Edith Marshall, of Swiss Cottage, Alfred-road, Birchington, said to be a jobbing gardener, was summoned for causing unnecessary suffering to the cats by neglecting to provide them with nourishing food, proper care and attention.

Defendant did not appear.

Inspr. G. H. Greenman, R.S.P.C.A., said that on 13th March he met defendant at her house, together with P/S May and Mr. Rattray, Chief Sanitary Inspector. Defendant apparently slept at a friend's house and visited her own house once or twice a day to see to her cats. She unlocked the door and when they entered they were met by an awful stench. The floors of the passages and rooms to which the cats had access were covered with filth. In one room there were at least 13 cats—possibly more. They flew about wildly in all directions and it was impossible to count them. Eventually witness caught one or two to examine and found they were just skin and bone. He told defendant they had been badly neglected and were starving. She replied "I am afraid I have not been able to get the food for them lately. It was all right when the soldiers used to put their pieces out from the hotel. Since they stopped doing that I have not been able to get them any." Witness recalled that he had offered to put the cats to sleep for her without charge, and she said "Yes. I am sorry I didn't have it done, but I didn't like parting with them." Defendant then caught three, which witness destroyed for her. The others escaped to the back of the house, and he arranged to call again the following Wednesday, when he destroyed six. There were then three or four left, which were old ones, and defendant said she would like to keep them as they were her original pets.

Witness added that defendant was an able-bodiel woman, 47 years of age, who worked as a jobbing gardener. He had had trouble over her cats for the past year or 18 months. He had called at the house but she had refused to open the door to him. He believed that there were nearer 20 cats in the house.

P/S May said the cats were in a wild state. They ran over the furniture, jumped against the windows in an endeavour to get out, and some ran upstairs, jumping through a landing window. In cardboard box on a verandah he [illegible] a dead cat, which defendant considered had been poisoned. Witness said defendant was rather eccentric.

The chairman (Alderman F. L. Pettman) said a fine of £5 would be imposed, and in view of the serious nature of the case there would be an alternative of one month's imprisonment.

## BROTHERS' PRANK

### GOOD BOYS WENT A BIT WILD

Two brothers, aged 12 and 8, who were stated to have caused a bit of alarm when they started a fire in a disused store, appeared at Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday accused of breaking and entering a house in Plains of Waterloo and stealing a steel plane and a gimlet, valued at 8s. 6d.

When interviewed by D/C Honey on 27th January, the brothers at first denied all knowledge of the matter. Further questioned, the younger boy admitted that he opened a window, climbed into the house and opened two drawers. He gave his brother the gimlet and took the plane himself but later threw it away. The elder boy then admitted having the gimlet and throwing it away.

The elder boy later made a statement which read "I can't remember when it was, but I believe it was on a Saturday just before the first lot of snow came. I was playing with my brother on a pile of bricks near some buildings which had been bombed. We then climbed over the pile of bricks into a yard. My brother went to the rear of a house which I thought was an office or workshop. He pushed up a small window which was not fastened and climbed into the place while I waited outside. After a bit I looked through the window and asked him what he had found as he was opening some drawers and taking out different things. My brother then handed to me through the window a little steel plane and a gimlet and after a bit he climbed through the window.

"We played in the yard for a while with the tools and later I threw the gimlet away and my brother threw the plane away on a piece of waste ground on the other side of the alleyway.

"We then lit a fire, in the yard where we had previously been playing, with some matches my brother had taken from my grandmother's gas stove. Later we put the fire out with some emtpy sacks and left the yard."

The tools, it was stated, had not been recovered.

The mother said this was the first time the boys, who were very good at home, had ever done anything wrong, and Mr. B. K. Hemsley, Probation Officer, said their general conduct was quite satisfactory.

Chief Inspr. H. G. Butcher explained that the father was a petty officer in the Navy. While living at Portsmouth the boys had given no trouble at all and the police spoke very highly of the whole family. After the mother returned to Ramsgate the boys, with the father away, got a bit wild for a time, but their conduct had improved since they had been at school. The fire they started caused a bit of alarm at the time as it was in a disused store.

Both boys having promised never to do such a thing again, the case againstt the younger was dismissed and the elder boy was placed on probation for 12 months.

The mother was ordered to pay 10s. costs.

### TO-DAY'S GOLDEN WEDDING

At a meeting of Ramsgate Education Committee on Wednesday a resolution conveying cordial congratulations and good wishes to Alderman and Mrs. W. T. Smith, who celebrate their golden wedding anniversary to-day, was proposed by Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel.

"I should like to tell you," he said, addressing Alderman Smith, who presided, "how warmly the committee congratulate you and how sincerely they wish you in years to come the same happiness that has attended your married life so far."

The speaker recalled the services Alderman Smith had rendered the borough in so many ways, including the occupying of the mayoral chair, and the support he had received from the gracious lady who was his wife. The committee, some of whose members had not travelled so far along the road of connubial felicity wished both the alderman and his wife health and strength to enjoy many more happy days together.

Seconding the resolution, Alderman T. W. Mockridge, wishing Alderman and Mrs. Smith many more years of health and happiness, said he knew that so long as he drew breath the chairman's one desire would be to serve his town and country.

Supported by Councillor Mrs. Dunn, during whose Mayoralty Alderman Smith acted as deputy Mayor, the resolution was carried unanimously.

Returning thanks on behalf of his wife and himself, Alderman Smith said it had always been his chief pleasure to give as much time as possible to the administration of the town and its affairs, and he felt now as good a man as ever he was. He had often had to neglect his wife for the benefit of the town at large but he had always received from her the finest help any woman could possibly give to her husband.


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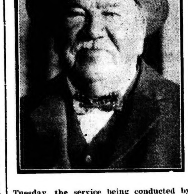
### FUNERAL OF MR. H. DARBY

The funeral of Mr. Henry Darby, the retired Ramsgate farmer, whose death was reported in our previous issue, took place at St. Lawrence Churchyard on



Tuesday, the service being conducted by the Rev. J. Rooney.

The mourners were Mrs. Downs, Mrs. Bingham, Mrs Southern and Mrs. Hogbin (daughters), Mr. Chapman, Mr. Downs, Mr. Bingham, Mr. Hogbin and Mr. Pearce (sons-in-law), Mr. J. Darby and Mr. L. Darby (nephews), Miss N. Darby (niece) and Miss Brockman (niece).

Floral tributes were received from: Rose and Fred; Janie and Bert; Lily, Ted and Herb; Harry, Maud, Harold and Betty; Emma, Gwen and Charlie; Nance, Jim and John; Rene and Alf (Leamington); Gladys, Mick and children; Hilda, Billie and boys; Fred, Eddie, Kitty and greatgrandchildren; Edie, Alf, Jack and Nelly; Lewis, Rita and Mrs. Stannard; Barbara and Stanley; May, Hedley and family; All at Crayford; Mrs. Castle; Grandpa Pearce and Ada; Mr. and Mrs. Court and Henry; Friends and neighbours (Newington); Friends at Cubbington; Miss Cull; Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers and Joan; Mr. and Mrs. Morgan; Mr. and Mrs. Jezard.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. H. Maskell, Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

## SHOT THROUGH HEAD

### SOLDIER'S DEATH IN AIR RAID SHELTER

A bank clerk in civil life, Pte. Brian Llewellyn Morris was found shot through the head in an air raid shelter in Dane Park, Margate.

A verdict that he took his life while the balance of his mind was disturbed was returned by the Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) at an inquest on Tuesday.

The father, Mr. Percy Llewellyn Morris, said his son was single and had no financial or other worries. His wrist used to ache at times as it had been broken when he was a boy and had not been properly set. He did not have the full use of his fingers on that hand.

Dr. W. Groome, police surgeon, said when he was called to the shelter on Sunday evening Morris had been dead from eight to ten hours. There was a bullet wound through the head and a rifle lay beside the body. There was a wound on Morris' nose, which had been dressed, and abrasions on the back of his left hand.

An R.A.M.C. officer said Morris came to him on Sunday morning complaining of a cut on the nose and a paralysed right wrist. Witness told him he must go into a military hospital on account of his wrist, and he appeared worried. Morris admitted that he had been drinking heavily the night before. He had seen him before about minor abrasions, which he had sustained through falling about when under the influence of drink.

An officer from Morris' unit said he noticed on Saturday that he was suffering from a "hang-over" from the night before and he could not use his right hand. He sent him to the medical officer but on Sunday morning Morris told him he had not been. He again told him to see the medical officer.

Returning his verdict, the Coroner said there was an absence of any indication of predisposition on the part of Morris to take his own life but he was somewhat depressed owing to the paralysis. He had taken more drink than was good for him lately.

### HE SOLD THE NEWS

High-street, Ramsgate, has lost one of its quaintest characters.

For many years past Mr. Edward Trumpeter sold newspapers outside the Palace Theatre.

On Thursday he passed away at his home, 2 Dane Court Villas, Percy-road, at the age of 39 years. His death followed a short illness.

For nearly 30 years Mr. Trumpeter was employed by Messrs. Clark and Co., newsagents, of High-street, Ramsgate.

WOMEN'S CHAT

## MAKE A POINT OF USING BEANS

Good news for the careful housewife is that one of our most useful protein foods has been reduced in points. One pound of dried beans now means the surrender of one point only.

Dried beans have, weight for weight, about one-third of the protein value of beef, and since we cannot get all the beef we would like, we can make our meat ration go much further, both in quantity and food value, by using plenty of beans with it.

We must not think of white beans only, by the bye. There are others with delicious flavours that add character and originality to our dishes.

Take pinto beans for example. You might think that these little fawn beans with the brown markings were seed beans awaiting planting time, unless you know how good they can be. They change to a dark brown colour when cooked, and have a sweet nutty flavour.

White beans of all varieties should be soaked for 24 hours before they are cooked, but the coloured ones can do with 12 hours only. Soaking means a great saving of fuel as well as a more tender bean.

If you have a vacuum flask, use it as a fuel saver. Fill it one-third full of beans, fill up with very hot water, cork down and leave for 12 hours. The beans will need very little cooking after that to make them tender.

**Pinto Pie.**

For the filling, you will want ½lb. of cooked pintos, ½lb. of minced steak, 1 chopped leek, 1 tablespoonful of gravy powder, and 1 dessertspoonful of sugar all mixed together with 1 teacupful of water. Put into a pie dish, cover with a potato crust, bake in a brisk oven until the crust is a golden brown. Have more brown gravy to serve with the pie.

You can use pinto beans as an extra vegetable when the joint is very small or there are sausages with a low meat content. Toss the beans in a little margarine and sprinkle chopped parsley on them.

**Mixed Vegetable Au Gratin.**

This is an especially good and nourishing dish.

Boil together ½lb. each of carrots, parsnips and potatoes, including if you can, a small leek and a few sprigs of cauliflower, or even the stump part as well. Dice the vegetables and add ½lb. of cooked pinto beans.

Make a smooth cream sauce with ½ pint of vegetable liquor, ½ pint of household milk, 1½ tablespoonfuls of margarine, 2 tablespoonfuls of flour and 1 tablespoonful of grated cheese. Toss all the vegetables in the sauce, pour into a shallow pie dish, cover the top with browned breadcrumbs and a little more grated cheese. Bake in the oven for 5 minutes to melt the cheese and crumbs together.

**For Using Stale Bread.**

If you have never been careful of bread scraps for your own pocket's sake, you must take care of every crumb now. No housewife is keeping house for her family alone these days, but for the whole country and on her good management depends the fate of the nation.

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**Yorkshire Fill-Ups.**

When you cannot make Yorkshire pudding, but want something to fill odd corners, make these savoury little mouthfuls.

1 breakfastcupful of bread pieces
½ teacup of milk
1 heaped tablespoonful of well-mashed potato
Salt and pepper

Soak the bread pieces until soft in cold water, then squeeze them dry as possible. Beat with a fork to make the bread smooth and without lumps, then stir in the milk, pepper and salt. Leave for 20 minutes, stir in the potato, then, half an hour before the meat is done, with a spoon drop small dollops of the mixture into the hot fat in the baking tin round the meat. Leave to bake for the rest of the cooking time. These glorified fat breads are very good.

If there is any of this dish left over, heat a little milk in a stout saucepan, put the cold mixture into it and stir it lightly to prevent it sticking, but at the same time, without mashing it.

When it is very hot, pile it on wheatmeal toast spread with margarine.


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### *HEROES IN HOSPITAL*

Tribute to the heroism of the airmen, wounded in daylight sweeps and raids over Northern France, who had received immediate treatment at Margate and District General Hospital was paid by the president, Dr. H. W. Parrott at the annual meeting of the hospital.

Stating that, on their recovery, the airmen never failed to write and express their appreciation of the kindnesses they had received at the hospital, Dr. Parrott said they were reluctant to talk about themselves but he remembered a Polish pilot who flew his damaged plane home with one arm, the other having been shattered. He made a perfect landing, no mean feat, and the first question he asked when his injured arm had been examined was "When shall I be able to fly again?"

Another airman, the patient of Dr. E. J. Bradley, was the pilot of a bomber which made a daylight attack on Lille. "He was wounded in the neck and had an artery severed," said Dr. Parrott. "With the help of his observer, who kept continuous pressure on the artery, he was able to fly home and make a perfect landing. Although, over France, he had given orders to his crew to bail out, they preferred to stay with him and take the risk. He made a perfect recovery and I understand was awarded the D.F.M. for his exploit. Those instances are characteristic of the spirit of those men."

### RAMSGATE WAR-TIME DARTS LEAGUE

Final positions:

| | Points. |
|---|---|
| Oddfellows' Club | 80 |
| Working Men's Club | 72 |
| Royal Navy | 71 |
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## FULL-TIME EDUCATION

### MARGATE PLANS FOR SUMMER

The Board of Education have given verbal consent to the re-opening of Margate schools for compulsory full-time education, and it is expected that the extended facilities will come into operation about the middle of May.

At a meeting of Margate Education Committee on Thursday the chairman (Alderman W. C. Redman) said sufficient schools would be re-opened in Margate, Westgate and Birchington to accommodate all the children now in the borough.

In February, said Alderman Redman, he visited evacuees in the schools in the Tamworth area and was extremely pleased with all he saw, and in particular with the care and interest taken by the Staffordshire teachers in the welfare of the Margate children.

The children, said Alderman Redman, were very happy, especially those living on farms, although some would like to be able to see their parents for a little while. He thought the Government department concerned had been wrong in not providing facilities for parents to visit their children at regular intervals. They were not all in a position to meet the cost of such a long journey.

## FIREMEN'S HELP

### FOR HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS

As a postscript to Ramsgate's Warship Week, the Extensions Appeal of Ramsgate General Hospital has received a most welcome gift of 11 National Savings Certificates, the result of an admirable effort made by the N.F.S. Company at Newington-road, under the command of Acting Company Officer J. Muir.

Firemen J. Jackson and G. Lewis were in charge of operations. Small celluloid warship models bought in London were offered for sale in the neighbourhood of the Newington-road N.F.S. station and the money received put into Savings Certificates.

Similarly, a collection was raised at a dance held at the station's social club on the Saturday which ended Warship Week. Nine certificates, value £6 15s., resulted from the sale of the warship tokens, and two certificates, value 30s., from the collection at the dance. These 11 certificates—present value £8 5s.—were then presented to the Extensions Appeal of the Hospital.

Last year the same N.F.S. members presented the Appeal Fund with £5 5s. raised by another special effort. These gifts have more than cash value—they are gifts of encouragement to the committee which they find greatly stimulating.

## THE CALL ANSWERED

### USEFUL WORK OF AMERICAN AMBULANCE

Appreciation of the loan by the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation of an ambulance donated by American friends in Western Pensylvania, to replace the ambulance damaged by enemy action, is expressed in the report for 1941 of the Ramsgate Town Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Among those to whom the American ambulance has rendered valuable service are people who have been injured by enemy action.

The report, signed by Mr. A. Dawson, divisional superintendent, and Hon. Sgt. E. Giraud, divisional secretary and acting transport officer, mentions the difficulty of arranging an annual meeting as all the remaining members of the division are engaged in the Civil Defence Services. Regretting the death of the divisional surgeon, Dr. C. McShane, the report welcomes his successor, Dr. D. P. Crawford, under whose expert guidance the division hope to make rapid strides in the ambulance world.

Transport Officer S. E. Bailey having joined the R.A.F., his duties have been taken over by the secretary, Sgt. Giraud, and Transport Cpl. Thomas has taken the place of Transport Sgt. Packman, who has joined the Army as an ambulance driver.

Members of the division now serving in H.M. Forces number 19, while a further 19 are in the C.D. Services and one in the N.F.S.

**All in the Day's Work.**

The report draws attention to the fact that the ambulance is still in a position to undertake long-distance removal of patients to and from Ramsgate and Broadstairs, and only a few weeks ago went as far as Leicester, while journeys to Canterbury, Maidstone and Chatham are "all in the day's work." The charges are most reasonable and applications should be made at the headquarters, Cavendish-street. Last year the removals numbered 513.

The report concludes with thanks to the Finance Committee, under the lead of Mr. J. M. West, hon. treasurer, Corps Officer Sinden and Cadet Supt. W. W. Norris.

Reporting on the year's work of the Cadet division, Supt. Norris states that it was chiefly a story of loyalty and devotion on the part of Cpl. K. Amos and Cadets D. Kemp and J. Thomas, who, despite raids and war-time difficulties, have attended nearly every possible drill and taken their share in all public duties carried out. Cadets B. French and G. Side, after gaining their adult certificates, have also resumed attendances.

To make up the strength of the Cadet division, Supt. Norris appeals to lads between 11 and 17 years of age who are not members of any other youth organisation to come forward and help in the great work of the St. John Ambulance Brigade so that the urgent call "send the ambulance" might always be speedily answered.

### COMFORTS FOR C.D. WORKERS

Following his visit to Ramsgate to open Warship Week, Adml. Sir Edward Evans forwarded a cheque for £25 to the Chief Constable, Mr. S. F. Butler, as a donation from a fund established by the people of South Africa for the provision of comforts for Civil Defence workers, the amount to be applied by the Sub-Controller (Mr. S. F. Butler).

As previously reported, a similar gift was made to Margate.

### FOOTBALL FINAL REPLAY

The replay of the final in the Ramsgate Warship Week football competition took place at St. Luke's ground before a good crowd on Wednesday.

The match resulted in a victory for the Middlesex Regiment, who defeated the Royal Navy by five goals to one after they had previously drawn 3—3.

### TEMPLARS ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Nine women are included in a list of over 30 members of the Good Templar lodges in East Kent on active service which is published in the latest issue of the district "Guide and Official Handbook."

## RAMSGATE

**Estimates for Removal or Storage.**—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

**Will.**—The late Mr J. Thorn Drury, for many years Magistrates' Clerk at Ramsgate, left estate valued at £15,850.

**Safety First.**—Arrangements for a police officer to visit the schools and give safety first instruction to the children have been approved by Ramsgate Education Committee.

**Engagement.**—The engagement is announced of 2nd Lt. R. A. Child, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Child, of Ramsgate and Bilting, and Diana Woods, of St. Felix de Valois, Quebec.

**Things We are Wanting to Buy**—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices. Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

**Children's Church.**—Services have been resumed in connection with Christ Church, Ramsgate, Children's Church after suspension through evacuation for nearly two years. The churchwardens appointed are Ernest Jones and Douglas Beach.

**Meals for School Children.**—In connection with the arrangements being made by Ramsgate Education Committee for the provision of meals to children, the hope has been expressed that the teachers will be willing to co-operate in undertaking supervision at meal times.

**Good Friday Service.**—The three hour service at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Good Friday, which begins at 1 p.m., will be taken by the Rev. G. Elliott, Vicar of Shoulden. At 7.30 Stainer's "The Crucifixion" will be sung in St. George's Hall, Broad-street.

**First Aid Awards.**—The following girls of St. George's School, Ramsgate, evacuated to Riverway, Stafford, have been successful in gaining the St. John Preliminary First Aid Certificate—Eva Archer, Margaret Culver, Enid Files, Patricia Johnson, Lilian Parker, Sylvia Walkley, Edna Crabb, Betty Cooksley, Vera Gumbrell, Phyllis Mayhew, Mary Phenix.

**Call-up of Teachers.**—A sub-committee of Alderman W. T Smith, Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, Councillor the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, Councillor P. Turner and Mr. W. A. Davies has been appointed by Ramsgate Education Committee to consider in all its aspects the de-reservation of male teachers between the ages of 35 and 41 and the question of their deferment.

**Sudden Death.**—Mrs. Ellen Allsworth, aged 77, of 64 Prestedge-avenue, Ramsgate, passed away suddenly at her home in the early hours of Thursday morning. At 4.40 a.m. Mrs. Allsworth was found by her daughter sitting dead in a chair in a downstairs room. Mrs. Allsworth's husband, who passed away some years ago, was in business as a confectioner in King-street.

**St. George's Day Ball.**—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday granted the application of Mr. R. J. Costerton for an extension of the music and dancing license at the West Cliff Theatre until 1 a.m. for a St. George's Day ball to be held on 23rd April on behalf of the Mayor's Services Comforts Fund. Mr. Costerton said the R.A.F. Central Band, which was one of the most popular bands in the country, would be in attendance. In respect of the same event Mr. W. G. Love was granted an occasional license from 7.30 p.m. until 12.30 a.m.

**Golden Wedding Couple.**—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Burney, of 21 Spencer-square, Ramsgate, who were married at Faversham Methodist Chapel in 1892, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday. For 30 years furnishishing house porter employed by Messrs. R. G. Dunn and Sons Ltd., Queen-street, Mr. Burney is at present in the employment of Mr. E. R. Dunn, builder. In his youth he was employed at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, and often waited at table on King George V when he was studying there for the Navy.

## BROADSTAIRS

**Annual Review.**—The annual parochial meeting in connection with St. Peter's Church will be held on Tuesday next.

**Easter Gift.**—The offertories at St. Peter's Church on Easter Day will be given to the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, priest-in-charge.

**Warmth For the Navy.**—During the past month the knitting party formed among the Good Companions at St. Peter's has despatched eight navy blue polo pullovers and 22 pairs of sea-boot stockings to the Navy League Comforts Depot.

**Broadstairs Congratulated.**—Following the recent Warship Week held in the town, Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has sent the following telegram to the organisers: "Heartiest congratulations on the success of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Warship Week."

**County Flag.**—Given by a member of St. Andrew's Church, Reading Street, a county flag has been presented to the Kent Fighter Squadron, R.A.F. The flag was dedicated at St. Andrew's by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith and received by a member of the squadron home on leave.

**Licensee's Death.**—The funeral took place at Dartford Cemetery on Tuesday of Mr. Frank William Johnson, licensee of the Wheatsheaf Inn, St. Peter's, who died at Ramsgate General Hospital following an operation, aged 65 years. Mr. Johnson, who came to St. Peter's from Gravesend in November, 1935, was vice-president of the Isle of Thanet Licensed Retailers' Protection Society. While employed as cashier by Messrs. Burroughs and Welcome at Dartford, Mr. Johnson acted as hon. secretary of the Livingstone Hospital from 1919 until 1934. He is survived by his wfie, three sons and one daughter.

**Young Templars Initiated.**—Memories of many people formerly associated with the educational and religious life of Ramsgate were recalled by Mr. A. R. Impett, P.D.S.J.W., when he gave pen sketches of "People I Have Met" at the meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., at Broadstairs on Tuesday. A former Chief Templar, Sig. H. McCabe, Royal Corps of Signals, who was home on leave, presided, and was given an enthusiastic reception. Mrs. L. A. Ware, S.J.T., reported that Mrs. Young, a former assistant superintendent, had come from Ash that afternoon for her two children, David and Evelyn, to be initiated into the Diamond Jubilee Juvenile Temple.

### CAPTURED BUFFS

War Office casualty lists continue to include a large number of Buffs who are prisoners of war.

The latest lists include:

T/Capt. R. H. Dendy, Lt. K. P. G. Harbord, L/Sgt. E. F. Barnes, Cpl. J. F. Stratton, L/Cpl. D. T. Cooke, L/Cpl. E. T. Lewer, Ptes. T. Aird, P. L. L. August, A. G. Beaney, L. Blackman, A. F. Brown, J. Cater, E. W. G. Claringbould, S. C. Fuller, T. Gambrill, P. D. H. Hannaway, J. E. Higgins, S. Holder, R. F. Knowles, L. Meacham, J. P. R. Milton, P. J. Murphy, G. R. Pettitt, W. J. Russell, A. J. Slade, D. H. Tinson.

P/S/M G. W. Chapman, Sgt. F. T. Kirby, L/Cpl. G. Brooks, L/Cpl. J. C. Hubbard, Drmr. C. H. Webster, Ptes. R. Ainwick, F. A. Barratt, T. J. Bentley, L. Butcher, B. W. Conn, V. H. Crane, P. Dolan, E. G. Fairweather, A. Gates, S. Hammerton, J. H. Hatcher, H. Johnson, J. J. D. Landers, J. F. Meredith, E. D. Mitchell, C. E. Newman, B. W. Poole, H. G. Richardson, A. E. Spain.

Sgt. G. T. R. Covell, Cpl. C. Sudderdean, L/Cpl. C. A. Bourne, L/Cpl. C. E. Hughes, L/Cpl. T. A. Mitchell, Ptes. W. P. Alchin, B. F. Beale, R. W. Bryant, D. F. J. Butcher, J. H. Clarke, L. H. Cooper, P. Care, F Doran, E. V. Goodhew, D. Haryey, R. T. Hodges, W. J. Jordan, W. J. Kemmence, C. H. Lee, E. W. Mardell, D. H. Murtagh, L. E. Newman, E. E. Pagifull, G. Reeves, A. J. Wells.

Pte. R. H. Hopper, previously reported wounded, is now reported to be a prisoner of war.

## READY FOR EMERGENCIES

### YEAR'S WORK OF MARGATE HOSPITAL

The report presented at the annual meeting of Margate and District General Hospital, held at the Town Hall on Thursday, revealed that the hospital had been constantly ready to play its part in the emergency hospital service planned by the Government.

In this connection, 97 service casualties, 103 service sick and 34 civilian casualties spent 4,032 days in hospital and 301 patients also attended the out-patient department under the emergency service.

The Ministry of Health have for some months authorised up to 60 per cent. of the hospital's normal bed complement being occupied, which is more than ample to meet the present needs of the district. Actually 737 in-patients were admitted in 1941 compared with 1,206 treated in 1940.

Although the work of the out-patient department has also been less than normal, it has proceeded day and night, the number of new patients treated being 1,945 and the attendances numbering 8,524.

During the year 1,005 X-ray examinations were made; 354 major and 288 minor operations were performed.

The financial report showed that ordinary income of £10,953 6s. 3d. was £936 3s. less than in 1940 and ordinary expenditure of £11,470 1s. 10d. was £736 0s. 3d. lower.

The increase in the cost of all commodities added considerably to the committee's responsibilities, particularly in view of the necessity of accumulating stocks for use in an emergency, and the insurance of equipment and furniture under the War Damage Act cost £468 15s. in premiums.

The purchase for £98 of an oxygen therapy apparatus, capable of administering oxygen to 12 persons at a time, has added to the hospital's efficiency and a range of Aga cookers, to provide an alternative means of cooking in the event of gas being unavailable, has been installed at a cost of £356.

**Of Vital Importance.**

Regretting a continued decrease in revenue from annual subscriptions, the report stated "In these days of high taxation and cost of living the committee fully recognises the financial difficulties of many subscribers who reside in south-east Kent, where every form of industry has been seriously affected, but nevertheless ventures to hope that the needs of the hospital will continue to receive their sympathetic and earnest consideration. The efficiency of the institution is a matter of vital importance to all and it must be borne in mind that the cost of treating the civilian sick still remains the responsibility of the hospital."

Although social functions had been brought practically to a standstill, donations showed an increase, chiefly due to the interest of Sir Milsom Rees, through whom £250 was received, and Mr. William Harris, a new friend, who gave £100 to the general funds. Other amounts specially mentioned were £50 from the trustees of the Bernhard Baron charitable trust, £30 from the Southern Railway branch of the Hospital Savings Association, who doubled their usual contribution in appreciation of services afforded to members, and £43 14s. 9d. from the local Druids' Tinfoil Committee. The flag day organised by Mrs. Venner realised £116 4s., double the amount of the previous year.

In spite of most adverse conditions, there was an increase of 327 in the membership of the Contributory Scheme and at the end of the year the contributors numbered 3,823 compared with 7,500 at the outbreak of war. Of these, 141 were admitted to hospital, receiving 2,575 in-patient days' treatment, 304 attended the out-patient department and 87 received X-ray examinations.

The committee recorded sincere appreciation to the members of the hon. medical staff, officials and staff for their assiduous attention to their duties.

**Admirable Team Spirit.**

Moving the adoption of the report, the president, Dr. H. W. Parrott, said they were determined to maintain the status of the voluntary hospitals, and the Nuffield Trust strengthened their determination to ensure that the voluntary hospitals should form an integral part of the post-war system to co-ordinate hospital services.

In a glowing tribute to the late Mr. W. G. Sutcliffe, medical superintendent of the hospital, Dr. Parrott said he was a born surgeon who would be remembered chiefly for his pioneer work in connection with the surgical treatment of tubercular glands of the neck. His skill and technique in performing an operation secured for him an international reputation.

Dr. Parrott was re-elected president, testimony being paid to the services he had rendered the hospital for 20 years.

Mrs. M. Venner was re-elected vice-president and the retiring members of the committee were also re-elected.

A vote of thanks to the Management Committee, proposed by Col. C. S. F. Witts, was acknowledged by the Rev. W. T. Sharpley.

Proposing a vote of thanks to the medical and nursing staffs, the Rev. D. V. Beckingham said the people of Margate were deeply grateful for the attention they received at the hospital.

Alderman F. L. Pettman, who seconded, said he once rather deprecated the habit of some nurses in painting their faces and fingernails, but he had changed his views since he saw the way they worked among the casualties landed from Dunkirk.

Dr. E. J. Bradley, in acknowledgment, said there was an admirable team spirit at the hospital and they all worked together with the greatest happiness.

### MOTORIST'S THREE OFFENCES

For three motoring offences at Broadstairs on 14th February, Gwylm Amos Davies, described as a drainage contractor's foreman, of Whitstable-road, Canterbury, was summoned at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, last week.

For leaving the car on its offside of the road during the black-out he was fined 10s. For using the car within five miles of the coast without a permit he was fined a further 10s. and for failing properly to immobilise it he was fined £1.

W/R/C Harty, who saw the car stationary in High-street for three-quarters of an hour, said the rotor arm had not been removed, although the doors were locked and the windows closed. Asked when he came back to the car, why he had entered the area without a permit, defendant said he thought the restrictions had been lifted.

The explanation was repeated by defendant in a letter to the court.

Inspr. F. Hann explained that although motorists were no longer stopped when they reached the prohibited coastal area, warning notices had been placed on the roadside.

For many years Assistant County Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Dr. W. H. F. Noble has died aged 75 years.

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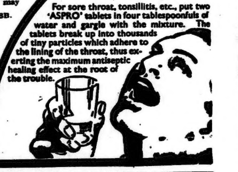

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### EDUCATION AND LIBERTY

By DR. ERNEST BARKER

How are you to apply the principle of liberty, and to assure its practice in the sphere of education? It sounds a simple question. It sounds, too, as if it was a question that only concerned a fringe or outlying province of the area of liberty. We can all see that political, civil, and religious liberty matter.

We can all see that economic liberty—particularly in the sense of the worker's liberty and his right to some freedom in his daily work—matters, and matters profoundly. But is educational liberty so vital?

Well, if you live in a totalitarian country, with the education of your children taken from you by the State, and utterly controlled by the State, you will see that educational liberty **does** matter. The control of your children's minds by an outside Leviathan, which neither respects your own ideas nor the ideas of your children, is perhaps the worst of controls. But even in this free country, in which liberty seems to be seated and enthroned, educational liberty is not the easiest of liberties to achieve. Indeed, far from being the easiest, it is one of the most difficult.

Have the children of the poor, with the parents of those children, an equal educational liberty with the children of the well-to-do and the parents of those children? Hardly. One is sometimes tempted to say that the last enemy of equal liberty that has to be destroyed in this country is our system of education. It is a system of unequal schools and unequal liberty. How is it to be altered, and how can the principle of liberty be applied equally, and with justice to all, in this vital matter of education?

**The State and Education.**

There is one simple answer that is sometimes given—an answer to which France has tended, and to which many in our own country also tend. It is an answer which seems to be in accordance, and to be the only answer which is in accordance, with the genius of the democratic State. Let the democratic State (so the answer runs) control all education, and all places of education, from the elementary school to the university. Let all alike attend the free schools of the free State, and let us follow the system which the French call l'ecole unique. Then, in that way, the principle of liberty, which informs the democratic State, will be applied, and applied equally, in the area of education.

There is an attraction in this answer. But there is also a danger—and indeed a very great danger. If the State—even the democratic State—acquired a monopoly of education, it would become, in that sphere, totalitarian. It would become exactly the thing against which we are fighting with all our might. There are some things which do not belong entirely and totally to the State. And of these things is the mind and the cultivation of the mind.

The State has indeed a duty in the area of the mind and its cultivation. It has a duty of **helping.** In connection with that duty, and as part of that duty, it is bound to provide State schools, in order that all may have a chance of the cultivation of the mind, and that there may be an adequate number of schools to provide that cultivation. The State was therefore right, and doing its duty, when it began to provide State elementary schools, by the Act of 1870. It was right, and it was doing its duty, when it began to provide State secondary schools, by the Act of 1902. But the State would be wrong, and exceeding its duty, and interfering with liberty, if it made the schools the **only** schools.

In the matter of education, there must be a choice for parents and children. Liberty is bound up with choice, and cannot exist without choice. The liberty of a free electorate consists in its freedom of choice between different programmes and parties. When there is only one programme and a single party, "the citizen's choice" has gone, and the citizen has lost his liberty. Choice would be equally gone and liberty would be equally lost, if there were not different educational programmes, and different schools, presented to the choice of parents and children. At any stage of education, and at all stages of education, there must, by the very genius of democracy, be liberty of choice. Democracy does not consist in a single system of democratic schools all provided by the democratic State. It consists in a liberty of choice among varieties of schools, which include schools provided by voluntary agencies, as well as schools provided by the State.

**The Public Schools.**

All this bears on the future of what are called public schools, in the area of secondary education, as it also bears on the future of the voluntary or non-provided schools, in the area of elementary education. Let us look, as we conclude our argument, at the so-called public schools. It is an accidental and foolish term: they are essentially non-public schools, provided by voluntary agencies. So far they are good, and essentially good: so far they are democratic, because they are necessary for the exertion of the citizen's choice which is essential to democracy. In other respects they are bad, and bad with a badness which must be eliminated if they are to go on existing. They are open only to the children of the well-to-do—except for a limited number of scholarship boys who come, as a rule, from the ranks of the more or less well-to-do, for the simple reason that the preparation which alone will ensure the winning of a scholarship has to be acquired at an expensive preparatory school. That is something bad; something bad with a badness that can no longer go on existing. Goodness and badness mixed: that is the picture presented by the public schools to-day.

They are good because they are voluntarily provided, and because they increase the area of choice; they are bad because they are so expensive that they are only open to the choice of the well-to-do. It is not a citizen's choice when only the well-to-do can choose.

Can the public schools retain their goodness and shed their badness? I am inclined to believe that they can, and that they deserve the help of the State (help given by the institution of State scholarships, coupled with an insistence on the reduction of cost) in getting rid of their badness. In any case, and even if they fail to survive, I am sure that something of their nature will have to survive. The boarding school, at the secondary school stage (and that is the essential feature of the public school), gives an unparalleled opportunity for the best training of brain and character—**brain** as well as character. You get the boy free and taut for intellectual discipline, undistracted by other calls. If there is good in a residential university (and there is), there is equally good in a residential secondary school. But whatever the good in it, or the defects in it, the essential thing is choice, liberty of choice, the very essence of democracy—the essence of democracy above all, in "matters of the mind," where as it has been said "there is no compulsion," and where (we may add to the saying) **there must be choice.**

## MARGATE

**Death of Mrs. Becker.**—Fourth daughter of the late Mr. Francis Marsden Cobb, of Margate, Mrs. Violet Estell Frances Becker has passed away at The Cottage, Wargrave, Berks. Widow of Mr. Frank Becker, of 24 Porchester-terrace, London, W., Mrs. Becker had specially requested that instead of flowers at the funeral, which took place privately, donations should be sent to the West London Hospital, Hammersmith.

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### Births, Marriages, Deaths

**BIRTHS**

**Cobb.**—23rd March, at Watford, the wife of 2nd-Lt. Robert Cobb, of a son.

**Lay.**—22nd March, at 10 Willson's-road, Ramsgate, the wife of G. Lay, of a daughter.

**MARRIAGES**

**Ball—West.**—21st March, at the Salvation Army Citadel, Bexhill-on-Sea, by Capt. Dale, James Henry Ball, R.A.F., of Bexhill-on-Sea, to Jessie Ruth West, of Ramsgate.

**Dilnot—Tofts.**—21st March, at All Saints' Church, Birchington, A. W. Dilnot, of Acol, to M. J. Tofts, of Bromley.

**Hall—Crofts.**—24th March, at Margate. Howard Hall, of Burbrook, to Betty Crofts, of Margate.

**Huckstep—Knight.**—21st March, at Holy Trinity Church, Margate, William Stanley Huckstep, of Cliftonville, to Joyce Hilda Knight, of Garlinge.

**DEATHS**

**Ballard.**—23rd March, Alfred Ballard, of Melita, Sturry, aged 81 years.

**Bearman.**—26th March, at Dulverton, Birchington, Mary Bearman.

**Becker.**—23rd March, at The Cottage, Wargrave, Berks, Violet Estelle Frances Becker.

**Croughton.**—27th March, at Bournemouth, Rosetta Emily Croughton, of Margate.

**Hougham.**—26th March, at 147 Northcote-road, S.W.11, very peacefully, Florence Lydia Hougham, late of Green Bank, Minster. Cremated at Streatham Park.

**Morrison.**—27th March, after a brief illness, at the Leavesdon Emergency Hospital, Watford, Herts, Edward (Ted) Morrison, aged 53 years. Interment at the Ramsgate Cemetery, Thursday, 2nd April. No flowers by request.

**Moulder.**—23rd March, at 36 Dumpton Park-road, Ramsgate, Louisa Moulder, aged 59 years.

**Wells.**—23rd March, at Fairfield, New-road, Parley, near Wimborne, Dorset, Ellen Wells, late of Margate, aged 94 years.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Telford.**—In loving memory of my dear wife, Annie Telford, who died 26th March, 1941.

One year has passed, how long it seems,
But in our hearts her face still beams;
We who loved her only know
How much we lost one year ago.
—Sadly missed by her husband, sister and brothers.

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